



News analyst Juan Williams appears on the 'Fox & friends' television program in New York, Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010. Williams, who has written extensively on race and civil rights in the U.S., has been fired by National Public Radio after comments he made about Muslims on Fox News Channel's 'The O'Reilly Factor,' on Monday.

(AP Photo/Richard Drew)

## NPR fires news analyst after remarks about Muslims

By BRETT ZONGKER, Associated Press Writer  
WASHINGTON — NPR has fired longtime news analyst Juan Williams, also a commentator on the Fox News Channel, after he told Bill O'Reilly that he gets nervous when he sees people in Muslim garb on an airplane.

In a statement late Wednesday, National Public Radio said it was terminating Williams' contract as a senior news analyst over his comments on Fox's "The O'Reilly Factor."

NPR executives had previously complained about his remarks on Fox and asked him to stop using the NPR name when he appeared on O'Reilly's show.

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## Fearing rout, Obama, Dems reach to female voters

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SEATTLE — In a last-ditch effort to prevent electoral disaster, President Barack Obama and Democratic allies are vigorously wooing women voters, whose usually reliable support appears to have softened.

From blunt TV ads to friendlier backyard chats, they're straining to persuade women that it's the Democrats who are on their side and it's in women's vital interest to turn out and vote in the Nov. 2 elections that could give Republicans control of one or both houses of Congress.

In Seattle on Thursday, Obama told local women and others that "how well women do will help determine how well our families are doing as a whole." Accompanied by women who own businesses, he spoke in a family's backyard about the economy's effects on women and outlined ways he said his policies have helped them.

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President Barack Obama Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., wave during at a rally at the University of Washington in Seattle, Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010. Obama spoke earlier at a private home about women and the economy Thursday morning before headlining the rally for Murray.

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A child holds a bottle of serum at the St. Nicholas hospital in Saint Marc, Haiti, Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010. Health officials said an outbreak of severe diarrhea has killed at least 54 people and sickened hundreds more while patients have been lying on blankets outside the crowded hospital and doctors are testing for cholera, typhoid and other illnesses that could have caused the outbreak.

*Associated Press*

## At least 135 dead from cholera outbreak in Haiti

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ST. MARC, Haiti (AP) — An outbreak of severe diarrhea in rural central Haiti has killed at least 135 people and sickened hundreds more who overwhelmed a crowded hospital Thursday seeking treatment.

Hundreds of patients lay on blankets in a parking lot outside St. Nicholas hospital in the port city of St. Marc with IVs in their arms for rehydration. As rain began to fall in the afternoon, nurses rushed to carry them inside.

Doctors were testing for cholera, typhoid and other illnesses in the Caribbean nation's deadliest outbreak since a January earthquake that killed as many as 300,000 people.

Catherine Huck, deputy country director for the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, said the Caribbean nation's health ministry had recorded 135 deaths and more than 1,000 infected people.

"What we know is that people have diarrhea, and they are vomiting, and (they) can go quickly if they are not seen in time," said Catherine Huck, country deputy for the U.N. Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs. She said doctors were still awaiting lab results to pinpoint the disease.

The president of the Haitian Medical Association, Claude Surena, said the cause appeared to be cholera, but added that had not been confirmed by the government.

"The concern is that it could go from one place to another place, and it could affect more people or move from one region to another one," he said.

Cholera is a waterborne bacterial infection spread through contaminated water. It causes severe diarrhea and vomiting that can lead to dehydration and death within hours.

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## WILLIAMS

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The latest comments came Monday, when O'Reilly brought on guests to discuss his own appearance last week on ABC's "The View," during which Joy Behar and Whoopi Goldberg walked off the set to protest his views on Muslims. "Where am I going wrong here, Juan?" O'Reilly asked. Williams, 56, responded that too much political correctness can get in the way of reality. "I mean, look, Bill, I'm not a bigot. You know the kind of books I've written about the civil rights movement in this country," Williams said. "But when I get on a plane, I got to tell you, if I see people who are in Muslim garb and I think, you know, they are identifying themselves first and foremost as Muslims, I get worried. I get nervous."

He went on to say that not everyone in a religious group — Christian or Muslim — should be lumped together with extremists.

NPR CEO Vivian Schiller said

that controversial opinions should not come from NPR reporters or news analysts and that whatever feelings Williams has about Muslims should be between him and "his psychiatrist or his publicist."

Speaking Thursday at the Atlanta Press Club, Schiller also said Williams had veered from journalistic ethics several times before Monday's comments.

A phone message left for Williams at his home in Washington was not immediately returned Thursday morning.

Williams appeared briefly Thursday on Fox News and said he was abruptly fired Wednesday by Ellen Weiss, NPR's vice president for news. He said he told Weiss he meant what he said on the O'Reilly show, but that she told him he had made a bigoted statement and crossed a line.

"I said, 'You mean I don't even get the chance to come in and we do this eyeball-to-eyeball, person-to-person, have a

conversation? I've been there more than 10 years,'" Williams said. He said Weiss responded that "there's nothing you can say that would change my mind."

Williams stood by his remarks Thursday and said his statement was not bigoted.

Before Williams was fired, the Council on American-Islamic Relations said such commentary from a journalist about other racial, ethnic or religious minority groups would not be tolerated.

"NPR should address the fact that one of its news analysts seems to believe that all airline passengers who are perceived to be Muslim can legitimately be viewed as security threats," CAIR National Executive Director Nihad Awad said.

Later Wednesday, NPR issued a statement saying Williams' remarks "were inconsistent with our editorial standards and practices, and undermined his credibility as a news analyst with NPR."

"Juan has been a valuable contributor to NPR and

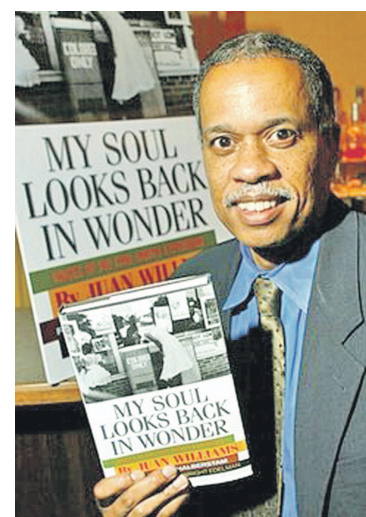
public radio for many years and we did not make this decision lightly or without regret," NPR spokeswoman Dana Davis Rehm said in an e-mailed statement.

Conservative bloggers defended Williams on Thursday, blasting NPR's decision.

"All Juan Williams did is say both exactly how he feels and how many, many other Americans feel on this subject," wrote Erick Erickson on his "Red State" blog. "The man's body of work makes clear he is no bigot. But we sure can't offend Muslims, can we?"

Former House Speaker Newt Gingrich also weighed in, telling Fox News that Congress should investigate NPR for censorship and consider cutting off its public funding. Only a small part of NPR's budget is provided by Congress through the Corporation for Public Broadcasting.

O'Reilly also called Thursday for an immediate suspension of



Journalist Juan Williams holds his book 'My Soul Looks Back in Wonder,' a collection of eyewitness accounts from people who played active roles in the civil rights movement, at the book launch party Wednesday, May 26, 2004 in New York. The book is presented by Voices of Civil Rights, a collaboration of the American Association of Retired Persons and the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights.

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taxpayer funding for NPR and said that Williams reflected the views of many Americans. □

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# Appeals court keeps military's gay policy for now

By LISA LEFF,  
Associated Press Writer

**SAN FRANCISCO** — A federal appeals court has frozen a judge's order halting the military's "don't ask, don't tell" policy, even as the Pentagon has announced it will accept openly gay recruits.

A three-judge panel of the 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals on Wednesday temporarily granted the U.S. government's request for a freeze on the judge's order.

The appellate court instructed lawyers for the gay rights group that brought the lawsuit successfully challenging the policy to file arguments in response by Monday.

The judges would then decide whether to extend the temporary stay while it considers the government's appeal of U.S. District Judge Virginia Phillips' ruling that the policy was unconstitutional.

The 1993 "don't ask, don't tell" rule says gays may serve but only if they keep secret their sexual orientation.

President Barack Obama said last week that the Clinton-era law "will end on my watch" but added that "It has to be done in a way that is orderly, because we are involved in a war right now." He said he supports repeal of the policy, but only after careful review and an act of Congress.

A new CBS News Poll says a majority of respondents supports allowing gays and lesbians to serve openly in the military.

The survey conducted Oct. 6-8, found 56 percent of those questioned were in favor of open service, compared with 31 percent in opposition. CBS said that result was similar to a February poll on the same topic which found 58 percent favored and 28 percent opposed.

The poll's margin of error was plus or minus 4 percentage points.

It was unclear what effect the temporary freeze would have on the Pentagon, which has already informed recruiters to accept openly gay recruits and has suspended discharge proceedings for gay service members. Defense Department spokesman Col. Dave Lapan said Thursday morning that he expects new guidelines be announced later in the day. The military could at least temporarily return to its policy banning gays and lesbians from serving openly while the courts continue to consider the question.

The White House referred questions to the Justice Department. Alisa Finelli, a spokesperson for the Justice Department, declined to comment Wednesday.

A lawyer for the Log Cabin Republicans said the group was disappointed, but called it a minor setback. The group, which brought its lawsuit in 2004, argues that forcing gays in uniform to remain silent about their personal lives violates their First Amendment rights and that the military's reluctance to end the policy

A soldier guards a door as Dan Choi, right, an Iraq War veteran and a West Point graduate who was discharged from the military in July because he announced publicly that he is gay, sit inside the U.S. Armed Forces Recruiting Center in Times Square filling out re-enlistment documents on Tuesday, Oct. 19, 2010, in New York.

(AP Photo/Bebeto Matthews)

was based on unfounded fears, not facts.

"We hope that the 9th Circuit will recognize the inherent contradiction in the government's arguments for a longer stay in light of eight full days of non-enforcement with no 'enormous consequences,'" said Alexander Nicholson, a gay veteran who also was a plaintiff in the Log Cabin lawsuit.

Government lawyers argue that striking down the policy and ordering the Pentagon to immediately allow openly gay service members could harm troop morale and unit cohesion when the military is fighting two wars.

The brief order was signed by the three 9th Circuit judges hearing emergency motions this month: Diarmuid F. O'Scannlain and Stephen S. Trott, who were appointed by President Ronald Reagan, and William A. Fletcher, an appointee of President Bill Clinton. □



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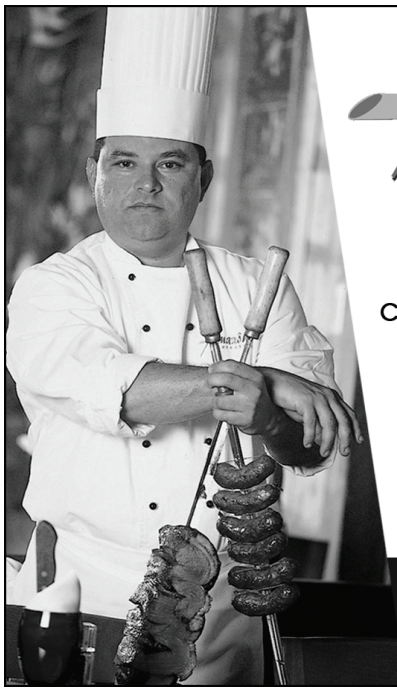
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Peace signs are raised as President Barack Obama speaks at a rally at the University of Washington in Seattle, Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010, for Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash.

### OBAMA

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Later, trying to rekindle the enthusiasm of his presidential race, he all but ordered thousands of cheering supporters at a packed University of Washington arena to get out and vote, even though he's not on the ballot. Hoarsely shouting over the applause, he said, "If everybody that voted in 2008 shows up in 2010, we will win this election. We will win this election. But you've got to come out and vote." Campaigning for one of the Democrats' female senators, Patty Murray, who is in a tight re-election fight, Obama attracted a bigger crowd than the 10,000 who could fit into the arena. The others moved to an overflow area set up in the university's football stadium, and the president ran through the stadium tunnel onto the field to greet them.

With the elections less than two weeks away and Democrats fearing big losses, candidates, party allies and others are joining Obama in seeking women's votes by hitting Republican opponents — in ads, mailings and speeches

(AP Photo/Elaine Thompson)

— on issues such as abortion rights. In every corner of the country, they are arguing that the GOP would erase progress American women have made under Democratic control of the White House and Congress. The latest Associated Press-GfK poll underscores the Democrats' concern: Women long have leaned toward Democrats but, at a time of great economic unrest, those who are likely to vote now split fairly evenly between the two parties, 49 percent favoring Democrats, 45 percent Republicans. That's a significant drop from 2006 when Democrats had a double-digit edge. The current margin mirrors 1994, the year of a Republican wave that swept Congress. Men usually break for Republicans, and they broadly favor the GOP this year, too. Women could hold the key for Obama and his party as Democrats look to minimize expected widespread losses at all levels of government in a year when, particularly on the Republican side, female candidates top ballots in statewide races in Connecticut, South Carolina, California, New Hampshire, New Mexico

and elsewhere.

Hope for the Democrats: A lot of women are undecided, and more than a third who are likely to vote say they could still change their minds before the election. With that in mind, the White House, Democratic candidates and outside groups are reaching out to female voters. Making it personal, Obama told the backyard group on Thursday he's determined to make sure that girls get as good an education as boys, particularly in math and science.

"As a father of two daughters, this is something that I spend a lot of time thinking about," he said. He presented two women — Christina Lomasney, a physicist and president of a local metals company, and Jody Hall, who has five cupcake shops in the Seattle area — who praised the government for business help.

Besides the president, first lady Michelle Obama has campaigned on Democrats' behalf with a particular focus on women. She recently pleaded for their votes during a New York fundraiser that partly benefited the Women's Leadership Forum. She was flanked by Vice President Joe Biden's wife, Jill, and actress Sarah Jessica Parker of "Sex and the City."

Mrs. Obama reminded the crowd that her husband had named two women to the Supreme Court and that the first piece of legislation he signed as president was the Lilly Ledbetter Act to help women achieve equal pay.

Across the country, Democratic candidates and their allies are reaching out to women, mostly

by casting their Republican opponents — some of them women as well — as out-of-step with their concerns.

The head of EMILY's List, Stephanie Schriock, recently warned voters in a speech that a Republican takeover of Congress — and Republican John Boehner as House speaker — would mean "a dangerous world." The organization, dedicated to electing women who favor abortion rights, had hundreds of female volunteers calling women in California urging them to vote for Sen. Barbara Boxer.

In Nevada, a new ad by the Service Employees International Union assails Senate Democratic Leader Harry Reid's GOP challenger, saying Sharron Angle would force a rape victim who was impregnated to have the baby, and her ideas would hurt women's ability to get college loans, find jobs and have Social Security.

Elsewhere, Democrats have hammered Republican Ken Buck in Colorado's Senate race over claims of a woman who says Buck once refused to prosecute a case in which she said she had been raped. In Kentucky's Senate race, Democrat Jack Conway, trailing his GOP opponent in the polls, has an ad running that asks: "Why did Rand Paul once tie a woman up?" — a reference to an allegation of a college prank. And Washington Sen. Murray is assailing Republican Dino Rossi with an ad that accuses him of wanting to "turn back the clock" on abortion rights.

On Election Day a week from Tuesday, women could make the difference in a couple of

dozen extraordinarily close congressional races scattered across the nation, and in a half dozen neck-and-neck Senate contests that could determine whether Republicans rise to power, among them Washington state, Nevada, Colorado, Illinois, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.

Women also could affect governors' races from coast to coast, including the biggest prizes of the year in Ohio, California and Florida.

Top Democrats publicly shrug off the notion that women are fleeing the party, but the intense focus by the White House and candidates on this generally reliable constituency shows a concern. "One of the issues that separates us from the Republican Party is our advocacy on these issues," said White House senior adviser David Axelrod. "There is a very strong case to be made for the advocacy that we've shown and for our belief that getting fair treatment for women, whether it's in the workplace, in the health care system, in obtaining capital in order to start or expand businesses."

To promote that position, Obama's National Economic Council released a report on "Jobs and Economic Security for America's Women" — detailing small-business loans, child care tax credits and other programs aimed at women — and top aide Valerie Jarrett made the rounds on morning talk shows to promote his policies.

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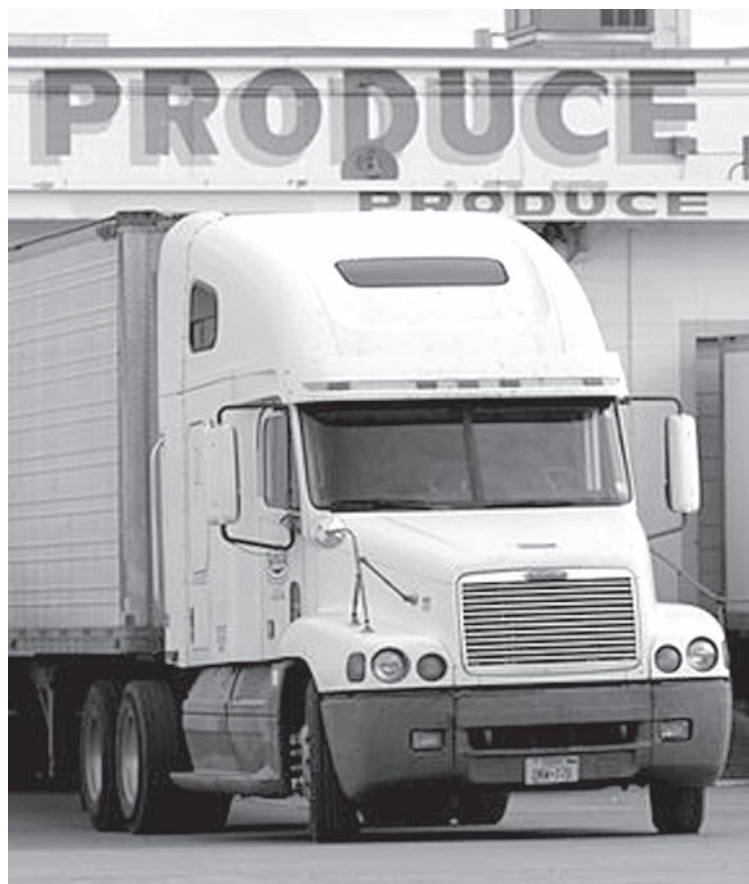
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# Tainted celery sickens at least 6 in Texas; 4 die



A truck is seen in front of the SanGar food processing plant in San Antonio on Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010. Texas health officials investigating five deaths have closed the facility and ordered a recall of all products shipped from there since January.

(AP Photo/Eric Gay)

By PAUL J. WEBER  
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SAN ANTONIO — Texas health officials have shut down a processing plant linked to contaminated celery that sickened at least six people this year, four of whom died, and ordered the recall of all of the produce that passed through the plant since January.

SanGar Produce & Processing Co. issued the recall Wednesday after its plant in San Antonio was shuttered. The Texas Department of State Health Services traced six of 10 known cases of listeriosis in the state during

an eight month period to celery processed there. The agency is investigating the origins of the other four cases, which include one death. Health inspectors found problems with sanitation at the plant, including a condensation leak over a food production area. The health department is trying to determine who the now-recalled produce was sold to and whether it was used in other products. The agency recommends that customers throw out or return all SanGar products. The Food and Drug Administration is also looking into the contamination and

may decide to expand the recall once it learns more, Don Kraemer, the deputy director in the FDA's Office of Food Safety, told The Associated Press on Thursday.

Texas health department spokeswoman Carrie Williams said that the state asked the company to close voluntarily but it refused.

"They refused, so we shut them down and ordered a recall," she said.

Kenneth Sanquist Jr., the company's president, said in a statement Thursday that the state used flawed methods to collect its samples. The sample at the plant "appears" to have been taken by someone not wearing proper lab attire and proper gloves, and was transported in a nonrefrigerated container, he said. "We question the validity of the state's lab results," Sanquist said, adding that the company offered use of a refrigerated container but the state declined.

Williams said the agency stands by its analysis and lab results.

"Our experts are well-trained and pull samples according to protocol," she said. "We would not have taken this serious action had we not been certain."

Health officials are trying to determine how much potentially tainted produce passed through the plant since January and whether it could have ended up in other products. Some of the celery was grown in California, but there appeared to be no problem with it until it reached the SanGar plant, Williams said.

Health officials the produce was sold to restaurants, schools and hospitals, but that they don't believe it was sold in grocery stores.

"We know their customers include schools and hospitals. It was absolutely crucial that we protect these populations," Williams said.

The 10 people who contracted listeriosis were in Bexar, Travis and Hidalgo counties, in central and southern parts of the state. Williams said the agency has no information so far that the recalled produce — which also includes lettuce, pineapple and honeydew —

were distributed outside of Texas.

"We know other products are chopped at the plant on the same line," Williams said.

On its website, SanGar says that "indirectly through several of our customers, our products are distributed in the Rio Grande Valley, Houston, Dallas and Oklahoma."

There have been three reported cases of listeriosis in Oklahoma this year, but the state is not aware of any cases connected to the recall, Oklahoma State Department of Health spokesman Larry Weatherford said. □

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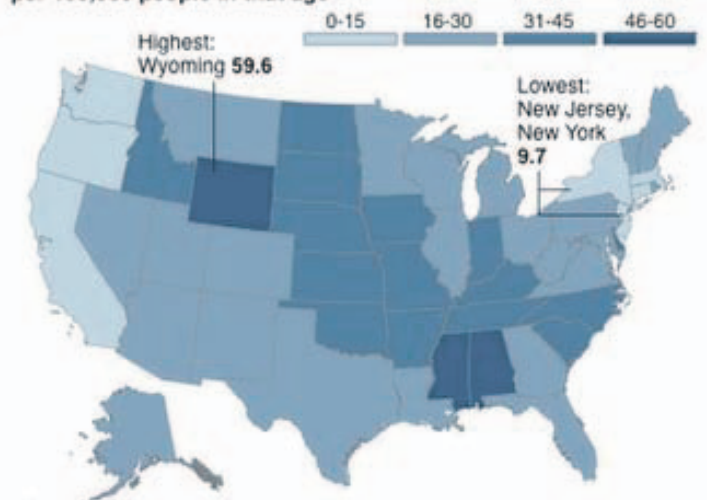


# Fatal crashes involving teen drivers drop

## Low death rate tied to teen drivers in NY, NJ

From 2004–2008, the rate for drivers age 16 or 17 years involved in fatal crashes decreased 38 percent. Despite these trends, motor vehicle crashes remain the leading cause of death for teens.

Rate of crashes that are fatal involving 16 and 17-year-old drivers per 100,000 people in that age



SOURCE: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

AP

Graphic shows state-by-state breakdown of fatal crashes involving drivers aged 16 or 17 years per 100,000 population

By MIKE STOBBE,  
AP Medical Writer

ATLANTA—Far fewer people are dying in car crashes with teens at the wheel, but it's not because teenagers are driving more cautiously. Experts say laws are tougher, and cars and highways are safer.

Fatal car crashes involving teen drivers fell by about a third over five years, according to a new federal report that credits tougher restrictions on younger drivers.

The number of deaths tied to these accidents dropped from about 2,200 in 2004 to 1,400 in 2008, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention said.

The CDC looked at fatal accidents involving drivers who were 16 or 17. There were more than 9,600 such incidents during the five-year

span, and more than 11,000 people died, including more than 4,000 of the teen drivers and more than 3,400 of their passengers.

The report is being published in Friday's issue of the CDC's Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report.

The rate of such fatal crashes has been declining since 1996. Experts credit a range of factors, including safer cars with air bags and highway improvements, which reduce the risk of death.

The number of non-fatal accidents involving drivers 16 and 17 years old has been dropping as well — by 31 percent from 2004 through 2008, according to government figures.

The decline is similar to the 36 percent drop in fatal crashes reported in the new CDC report.

Experts say a chief reason is that most states have been getting tougher on when teens can drive and when they can carry passengers.

"It's not that teens are becoming safer," said Russ Rader, spokesman for the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety, an Arlington, Va.-based research group funded by auto insurance companies.

"It's that state laws enacted in the last 15 years are taking teens out of the most hazardous driving situations," such as driving at night or with other teens in the car, he said. Graduated driver's licensing programs, as they are called, began appearing in 1996, and 49 states now have them. Some are stricter than others, which may be one reason death rates vary by state, Rader said.

The CDC found that Wyoming had the highest death rate, with about 60 traffic fatalities involving 16- and 17-year-old drivers per 100,000 people that age.

New York and New Jersey, which have rigorous driving restrictions on teens, had the lowest rates, about 10 per 100,000.

Wyoming's driver's license laws are laxer than some other states. For example, 16-year-olds are allowed to drive until

11 p.m., or in some cases even later, while other states force them off the roads starting at 9 p.m.

The author of the report, CDC epidemiologist Ruth Shults, said rural states such as Wyoming tend to have higher rates of traffic deaths. One problem is that remote stretches of road are hard to reach quickly by ambulance, and even harder to get a critically injured person to a trauma center, experts say.

Lorrie Pozarik, a consultant to Wyoming state government on traffic safety issues, said the state ranks poorly in seat-belt use. A love of pickup trucks has a lot to do with that. "People feel like, 'I'm in a pickup, I don't need a belt,'" Pozarik said.

"Our No. 1 fatal crash is a single-vehicle rollover. It happens to be the one crash where a seat belt is most effective when it comes to saving your life.

"The bottom line is that we have no perception of risk in Wyoming," Pozarik continued. "You're driving along the highway, there isn't a car in sight. You can see 10 miles in 20 directions, and you're sort of sitting back and cruising."

In New York, the driver's license restrictions can at times be annoying, said Ali Janicki, a 17-year-old high school senior in the town of North White Plains.

Janicki had a "junior" license when she was 16, which restricted her from driving after 9 p.m. and from driving with more than one other youth in the car. She broke the rules a few times, giving her sister and a friend a ride home from school, or driving home from a movie after 9.

Sometimes, she also needed a parent to drive her to nighttime parties. "It kind of bugged me," she said. "But I understand why."

She said she was nearly in an accident Thursday, but blamed another — older — driver's error. "I think older people, past about 40, should have to take a test and make sure their eyes are still working the same way," she said. □



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ORANJESTAD- On Wednesday evening, Prime Minister Mike Eman gave a speech during a reception related to the 20th anniversary of the Hyatt Regency Aruba on Aruba.

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Prime Minister Eman continued to show how the Hyatt was part of Aruba’s vision for the future 20 years ago and will continue to be part of Aruba’s progress. Minister of Tourism Otmar Oduber was also present for the celebration in which he congratulated the management and staff of the Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort and Casino for its important roll in tourism over the past 20 years and is very important as a leader in the future. Minister Oduber made a special acknowledgement to a group of 46 employees who are also celebrating 20 years of loyal service to the Hyatt Regency. □





At the Occidental Grand Resort

# Nicola & Charles celebrate "Dream Wedding" on Aruba



PALM BEACH - Nicola Gigante and Charles Mier Siebenberg were united in matrimony on the beach at the Aruba Occidental Grand on October 17th, 2010. Nicola, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Salvatore and Gabriele



Gigante, and Charles, the son of Benjamin and Juanita Siebneberg, flew in from New York with family and friends for their special day. Officiate



Andy Osborne preformed the dual religious ceremony in respect of Nicola's Catholic and Charles' Jewish upbringings, just before the sun gently set into the Caribbean Sea. After the beautiful ceremony along the water's edge, the newlyweds Nicola and Charles enjoyed a fabulous cocktail reception on the beach where they enjoyed the beginning of their new life together



as husband and wife with a first dance. The evening continued with a lovely dinner with international stations for the guests to enjoy. The DJ played the night away with plenty of popular American and Latin music. The Newleyweds are from New York City where Nicola

is a Senior Account Executive for ETRO USA and Charles, born in Venezuela and moved as a small child to New York, is a manufacturer and entrepreneur. The evening was hosted by Nicola's Father Salvatore and coordinated by Kimberley Ras-Dammerman of the

Occidental Grand Resort. The pictures were taken by Kenneth Theysen of Timeless Pixx. Nicola had the honor of her sister Daniella Gigante to be her maid of honor. A special best wishes from Aruba Today and Bon Dia Aruba Managing Director John A. Chemaly. □





# Loyal friends honored at the Renaissance Ocean Suites



ORANJESTAD - Recently at the Renaissance Ocean Suites vacationers were presented with honorary titles created by the Ministry of Tourism as a token of appreciation to guest visiting Aruba for ten and 20 consecutive years. Special friends of Aruba, enjoying ten or more annual vacations here, are given the Distinguished Guest certificate and those with twenty consecutive years are awarded the Ambassador of Goodwill title. The recent honoring were effected by the Aruba Tourism Authority associate Ricardo Croes at the



Renaissance Ocean Suites, they call their home away from home. The following guests were honored as Ambassador of Goodwill after visiting Aruba for 20 years: Joyce & Thelma Ross and also Vincent & Lorraine Tighe. Pictured ATA Rep. Ricardo Croes together with honorees and also Tino from The Renaissance Ocean Suites



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## HUMAN HINTS

# Release Unconscious Emotional Reaction 2

Yesterday we discussed the idea that the physical body stores emotional reactions that get in the way of our personal growth. Today we explore one method of getting rid of them even though the body wants to hold on tight.

We can learn to discern our body's reactions from our own. At first we will go thru a reaction and when the emotion subsides, we'll have no idea why we reacted that way. As the same patterns continue to show them selves, we will be perplexed by them as they are triggered. We will feel intensely strong emotion, and we'll know that it makes absolutely no sense.

How do we get rid of these ridiculous reactions that bind us from growth? First, realize that these are your physical body's reactions, they are not yours. Realize that the emotions will continue to surface beyond your control, even though you are fully aware of what's going on. Your body will hold on tight and will not want to let go of it's past protection mechanisms.

Think of a situation that makes you feel emotionally safe. Now imagine the trigger occurring. In your emotionally safe place, imagine your self reacting differently. Instead of emotional desperation, react in a self-empowering way. Let go of your old reaction and feel that the trigger situation no longer controls you. Whatever it is, find the courage to feel alright about it. Feel the pattern releasing from the cells of your body. Reassure the body that it no longer needs these reactions because the need for their protection is long past.

In time and with practice, your body will adapt to what you tell it. It will learn that it is no longer threatened by a specific situation. After a while, the situation will no longer elicit your emotion, allowing you to grow.

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~Quentin Danziger

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## 'California Harvest Wine Dinner'

# Chef Victor, mastermind behind the Hyatt/Jackson Estates dinner



PALM BEACH - The upcoming five-course dinner at the Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort and Casino has set tongues wagging and minds buzzing. On Thursday, October 28, the event will take place, preceding a most interesting food and wine pairing seminar and an elegant, 'Al fresco' cocktail reception. A fabulous menu has been prepared for the superb wines of Kendall Jackson and the Jackson Estates that will be

poured. Executive Chef Victor Litkewycz is the mastermind behind this spectacular menu. Having started his career with a culinary internship in 1994, Victor stepped on the ladder as a sous chef, banquet chef and chef de cuisine in multiple outlets before becoming an executive sous chef with 40 employees in 5 outlets at the Grand Hyatt of Washington D.C. In 2002 he became executive chef at the Hyatt

Valencia, CA, implementing a culinary training program at the local Culinary Arts school besides managing a team of 20. Victor's next step was his move to the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport, where he stayed from 2006 until 2009.

Nowadays he is Executive Chef of the prestigious Hyatt Regency Aruba Resort and Casino, managing a staff of 56 in 8 outlets.

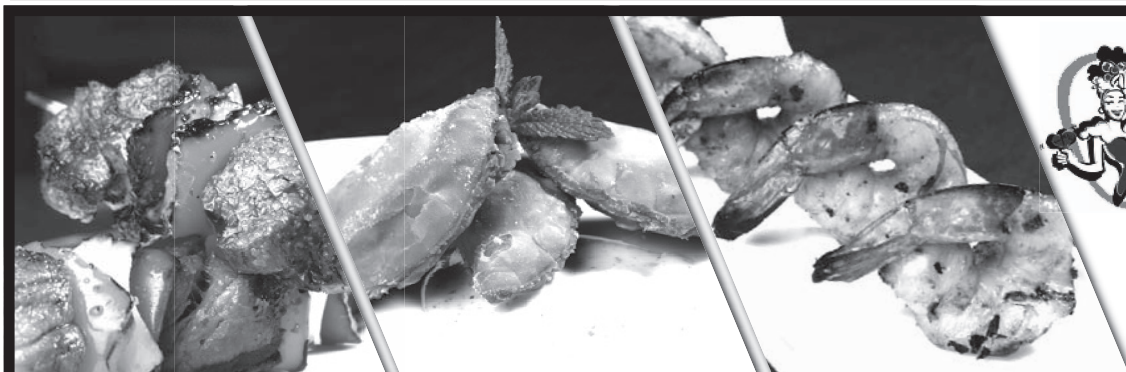
Victor's experience has exposed him to a wide variety of cuisines and cooking techniques while servicing events from 100 to 7000. His innovative cuisine has stimulated the palates of presidents, politicians and celebrities from around the world in addition to high-profile events such as the Chaîne des Rotisseurs dinners, the Super Bowl, Gold Cup races and PGA tour events.

On the 28th October you will be able to savor Victor's cooking, which centers on using quality ingredients to create uncomplicated dishes that draw out the best and most defining qualities of each ingredient.

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### HAITI

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Treatment involves administering a salt and sugar-based rehydration serum.

The sick come from across the rural Artibonite region, which did not experience significant damage in the Jan. 12 quake but has absorbed thousands of refugees from the devastated capital 45 miles south of St. Marc.

Government figures list a total of 54 people dead and 619 ill, said Yolaine Surena, a coordinator for Haiti's civil protection department.

Some patients said they drank water from a public canal, while others said they bought purified water. All complained of symptoms including fever, vomiting and severe diarrhea.

"I ran to the bathroom four times last night vomiting," said 70-year-old Belismene Jean Baptiste.

Trucks loaded with medical supplies including rehydration salts were to be sent from Port-au-Prince to the hospital, said Jessica DuPlessis, an OCHA spokeswoman. Doctors at the hospital said they also needed more personnel to handle the flood of patients.

Elyneth Tranckil was among dozens of relatives standing outside the hospital gate as new patients arrived near death. "Police have blocked the entry to the hospital, so I can't get in to see my wife," Tranckil said.

Aid groups were mobilizing to ship medicine, water filtration units and other relief supplies to the Artibonite region.

"We have been afraid of this since the earthquake," said Robin Mahfood, president of Food for the Poor, which was preparing to airlift donations of antibiotics, oral dehydration salts and other supplies.

The U.S. Embassy in Port-au-Prince issued an advisory urging people to drink only bottled or boiled water and eat only food that has been thoroughly cooked. □



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An agonizing man, who died shortly after allegedly suffering of diarrhea, is carried into the St. Nicholas hospital in Saint Marc, Haiti, Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010. Health officials say the outbreak of severe diarrhea has killed at least 54 people and sickened hundreds more while patients have been lying on blankets outside the crowded hospital and doctors are testing for cholera, typhoid and other illnesses that could have caused the outbreak.

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## Belgian woman who altered parachute gets 30 years

ROBERT WIELAARD

Associated Press Writer

BRUSSELS (AP) — A jealous schoolteacher who doctored the parachute of a love rival causing her to plunge to her death was sentenced to 30 years in prison Thursday.

In sentencing Els Clottemans, 26, the judge said the only mitigating circumstance in the 2006 skydive murder was her feeble psychological condition. Clottemans attempted suicide in 2008.

She was sentenced a day after she was found guilty of murdering Els Van Doren by sabotaging her parachute so neither it nor a safety chute would open during a Nov. 18, 2006, jump.

A jury at a courthouse in the East Belgian town of Tongeren agreed with the prosecution that jealousy motivated Clottemans.

She and Van Doren were members of the same parachute club. The killer and her victim were intimately involved with the same a man, a Dutch skydiver, whom Clottemans wanted for herself.

The jury said Clottemans acted with premeditation and that, as an accomplished jumper, she knew very well how to disable a parachute. Evidence at the trial showed she sent anonymous letters about Van Doren's love life to mutual friends and that she was psychologically unstable. Clottemans faced a maximum penalty of life in prison.

Her trial opened Sept. 24 with the accused sitting nervously near the mud-caked parachute bag and helmet that Van Doren wore on the day she died. The jury saw video footage from a camera mounted on her helmet, that Van Doren had shot during what would be her last jump.

She and Clottemans were among the last four jumpers to leave the Cessna plane.

The video showed how the victim looked up, yanking at her gear, hoping to see an open canopy above her.

Neither parachute opened and she crashed into a garden in the East Belgian town of Opglabbeek and died instantly.

Throughout her trial, Clottemans maintained her innocence. □



In this Oct. 20, 2010 file photo, accused Els Clottemans wipes a tear as she is found guilty at the courthouse in Tongeren, Belgium. A judge has sentenced Els Clottemans to 30 years in prison for doctoring a parachute causing her love rival to plunge to her death. The judge said the only mitigating circumstance was the killer's unstable mental condition. Thursday's sentencing came a day after Els Clottemans, 26, was found guilty of sabotaging the parachute of another woman sending her crashing to her death in 2006.

Associated Press

## Anti-dump protesters clash with police in Italy

ROME (AP)—Demonstrators on Thursday set vehicles ablaze and hurled stones and firecrackers at police over plans to build a garbage dump at a national park, leaving 20 officers injured, authorities said.

The clashes highlighted the latest garbage crisis around the Naples area in southern Italy. Two years ago, Premier Silvio Berlusconi intervened to resolve an emergency caused when collectors stopped picking up trash because dumps were full and residents protested new ones. Berlusconi called an emergency meeting to be held in Rome, likely on Friday, a

statement from the premier's office said. The meeting will gather the ministers of interior, environment and economics, and the head of the Civil Protection Department.

The protests have been going on for a few days, but they escalated as protesters clashed with police after officials confirmed a decision to open a new dump in the Vesuvius National Park.

The police were escorting more than 30 garbage trucks to a dump in the municipality of Terzigno. The protesters blocked the garbage trucks from unloading at an existing site and police charged and used tear gas to disperse them.

By sundown Thursday, some 20 police officers had been injured, said Antonella Calvanese, a spokeswoman for the Naples police. Some garbage trucks and two police cars were set on fire, she said. Naples and surrounding areas have suffered garbage crises for years, the result of corruption, poor management and infiltration by the local mob. After a flare-up in late 2007 and 2008, the Berlusconi government reopened some old dumps, started shipping some garbage to Germany, and also ordered the construction of new dumps and incinerators as part of efforts to ease the problem. □

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## Bomb on bus in Philippines kills 10, wounds 9



Rescuers pull out the body of one of the victims from a bus passenger, after an explosion Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010 in Matalam town in southern Philippines. A bomb ripped through the passenger bus killing at least eight people and wounding 10 in an attack authorities blamed on an extortion gang with links to Muslim militants.

*Associated Press*

**TERESA CERAJANO**

Associated Press Writer

MANILA, Philippines (AP)

—A bomb ripped through a passenger bus Thursday in the southern Philippines, killing at least 10 people and wounding nine in an attack authorities say may have been carried out by an extortion gang with links to Muslim militants.

The bus was traveling with more than 50 passengers when the powerful blast shook the rear of the vehicle from the overhead compartment, police Chief Superintendent Gil Meneses said. The force of the explosion was so strong it decapitated two of the victims, he said.

Ten people, including the bus conductor, died in the blast in Matalam township in North Cotabato province, said police spokeswoman Senior Inspector Joyce

Birrey. No one immediately claimed responsibility for the blast. The southern Philippines is home to kidnappers, extortion gangs and a decades-old Muslim insurgency.

President Benigno Aquino III condemned the bombing and ordered police to step up security at possible terrorist targets.

Police and army units interviewed survivors and examined the twisted metal and other debris to determine the type of explosive, Meneses said. An ordnance team said it appeared to be an 81mm mortar round that was remotely detonated using cellular phones.

The driver told police three men who boarded the bus along the highway got off minutes before the blast. Their sketches were being prepared from witnesses'

descriptions, Birrey said.

Military spokesman Lt. Col. Randolph Cabangbang said authorities suspect the Al-Khobar extortion gang in the attack, saying the bus company involved in the bombing had been targeted for extortion in the past.

Al-Khobar is the most notorious of the region's extortion gangs, and authorities say it is made up of criminals and former Muslim rebels who have been blamed for attacking businesses that refuse to pay their ransom demands. The group is on a U.S. list of terrorist organizations.

In April last year, two homemade bombs exploded hours apart on one bus, wounding the conductor and five passengers. A bomb exploded at a Cotabato city bus terminal in February the same year, wounding two people.

Troops last year captured a suspected Al-Khobar leader, Mokasid Dilna, who allegedly trained with militants in Afghanistan and Pakistan in the 1990s. Military officials said he provided refuge to foreign militants and acted as a link with two local Muslim groups — the violent Abu Sayyaf and the larger Moro Islamic Liberation Front, which has been engaged in peace talks with the government.

Mohagher Iqbal, the chief negotiator for the Moro rebels, said his group had no involvement in Thursday's bombing. □



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# UN envoy: AP findings on settlements 'alarming'

ARON HELLER,

Associated Press Writer

JERUSALEM (AP) —

The U.N.'s Mideast envoy on Thursday criticized Israel's renewed building in West Bank settlements in response to an Associated Press investigation.

The AP report showed that Israel has begun building at least 544 apartments since a 10-month halt on new housing starts in the settlements expired late last month. Palestinians charge that construction in the settlements is aimed at preventing the establishment of a Palestinian state, and the issue has brought recently renewed U.S.-brokered peace talks to a standstill.

Also Thursday, world Jewish leaders broke with the past and demanded an active role in deciding Israel-Palestinian peace issues, singling out the fate of the holy city of Jerusalem.

In a statement, U.N. envoy Robert Serry called the AP settlement report "alarming." He said settlement construction is "illegal under international law" and "will only further undermine trust."

Despite intense U.S. pressure, Israel has so far refused to renew the construction curbs, saying the settlement issue should be addressed in negotiations.

Israel also drew criticism Thursday from former President Jimmy Carter, who is visiting Israel, Gaza and the West Bank.

After touring east Jerusalem flashpoints where Jewish settlers have moved in to houses after Palestinians were evicted, Carter expressed outrage.

"The suffering here under occupation and the



Delegates of the Elders group of retired prominent world figure, Ireland's former President Mary Robinson, left, Indian activist Ela Bhatt, center, and former US President Jimmy Carter, visit the east Jerusalem neighborhood of Silwan, Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010. The Elders are an independent group of eminent global leaders, brought together by Nelson Mandela, who offer their collective influence and experience to support peace building, help address major causes of human suffering and promote the shared interests of humanity.

deprivations of people in Gaza are evidence of the improper policies of the government of Israel," he said. "We will continue to work on a peaceful solution where the Israelis will withdraw from east Jerusalem, and let this be the capital of a Palestinian state."

Later, as Carter was being driven through east Jerusalem, a car driven by a Palestinian entered the motorcade, Israeli police said.

The convoy halted, and armed guards took the Palestinian driver for questioning.

Palestinians demand control over east Jerusalem, with its key holy sites in the Old City, as part of any peace accord.

While world Jewish groups reflect the full range of political outlooks, many oppose concessions over Jerusalem's holy sites as a matter of principle, regardless of

the political or military price Israel might have to pay for standing firm. Past Israeli governments have offered concessions over Jerusalem, but Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has not.

On Thursday a conference of international Jewish leaders demanded a say in deciding Jerusalem's fate — a major change from the past.

"Jerusalem belongs to the entire Jewish people, and all Jews in the world should have a right to participate in the decision making on the future of Jerusalem," said Malcolm Hoenlein, executive vice chairman of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations.

"Issues such as security

and defense rest only with the people of Israel and the government of Israel, but I think Jerusalem is different ... I want the Jewish people to be involved in the discussion on the future of Jerusalem because it is our future as well."

For decades, Diaspora Jews have given almost automatic support to Israel's government in most issues affecting the nation, providing financial and political backing but leaving the final choices to

Israel's elected leaders.

Also, most Jews abroad have accepted the notion that only Israelis, who endure the daily rigors of life in Israel, pay its taxes and serve in its military, should be granted the right to decide its future.

Netanyahu's office refused to comment on Hoenlein's remarks.

Dan Kurtzer, a former U.S. ambassador to Israel and an activist in dovish Israeli groups, said Israel is likely to resist calls like Hoenlein's for an active role in decision-making.

"I don't gather there is much interest at all in having world Jewish opinion actually have a vote," he said. "I think some of the Diaspora Jews would like more than just to express their opinion, and that's where the gap still is."

Zeev Bielski, a lawmaker from the centrist Kadima Party and former chairman of the Jewish Agency, said Israel should welcome the involvement of caring Diaspora Jews like Hoenlein.

"If we are a Jewish state, we should accept the wishes of Jewish leaders to be involved, but only to a certain point," he said. "Obviously, there are some issues that only the citizens of Israel can decide." □

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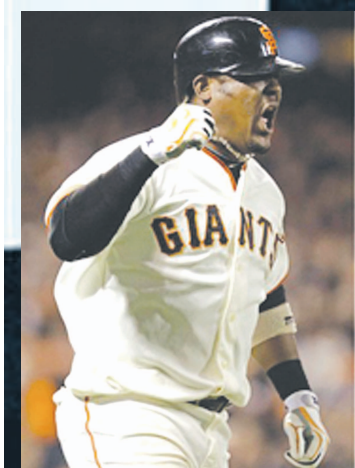
In this Oct. 9, 2010, file photo, Miami Heat's LeBron James throws powder into the air prior to the team's NBA preseason basketball game against the San Antonio Spurs in San Antonio. All or nothing. That's the message from two-time reigning NBA MVP LeBron James, and it's crystal clear. He came to Miami to win a championship — many of them, actually — and the Heat enter a season of colossal expectations.

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## MAGIC JUAN

San Francisco Giants' Juan Uribe reacts after hitting a game-winning sacrifice fly during the ninth inning of Game 4 of baseball's National League Championship Series against the Philadelphia Phillies on Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2010, in San Francisco. The Giants won 6-5 to take a 3-1 lead in the series.

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## Championship Chase

## Hamlin ready for NASCAR showdown with Johnson

JENNA FRYER

AP Auto Racing Writer  
CHARLOTTE,

North Carolina (AP) — Mired in traffic in the closing laps of the March race at Martinsville Speedway, Denny Hamlin bulldozed his way through the crowd determined to be first to the finish line.

"I think no matter what, we were going to win that race," Hamlin recalled this week of his sensational drive through the pack to his first victory of the NASCAR season.

He needs to have the same mindset on Sunday when he goes into the sixth race in the 10-race Chase for the championship trailing four-time defending series champion Jimmie Johnson by 41 points.

Nobody is in the same class at Martinsville as the top two drivers in the Chase standings — they have combined to win the last eight races at Martinsville — and this short track showdown could be pivotal in determining this

year's champion.

"People would think so, and I would think so," Hamlin said of the title implications for Sunday's race. "I'd think that he'd be one of the guys that I would have to beat."

Hamlin held the points lead through the first two Chase races, but dropped behind Johnson after Kansas, and has seen the gap widen in the last two weeks. Yet he still feels as if he has Johnson right where he wants him with five races remaining in the Chase.



Jimmie Johnson, right, drives in front of Denny Hamlin during practice for the Pepsi Max 400 NASCAR car race, Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010, in Fontana, Calif.

When the series first stopped at Martinsville this season, Hamlin, the preseason pick to be Johnson's top challenger, was off to a disappointing start. He announced that weekend he'd have surgery

to repair a torn anterior cruciate ligament in his left knee in the coming days, and his critics were quick to dismiss him from the pool of championship contenders.

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# AP Source: Baseball considering DL for concussions



In this April 24, 2010, file photo, Pittsburgh Pirates starting pitcher Chris Jakubauskas is helped off the field after taking a line drive to the head, during a baseball game against the Houston Astros in Houston. Jakubauskas suffered a concussion. The NFL is not the only sport figuring out how to deal with head injuries. A person familiar with the proposal tells The Associated Press that Major League Baseball is considering a 7-day disabled list for players with concussions.

*Associated Press*

By **HOWARD FENDRICH**  
AP Sports Writer

The NFL is not the only sport figuring out how to deal with head injuries. Major League Baseball might create a 7-day disabled list just for players with concussions as soon as next season, a person familiar with the proposal told The Associated Press. The new DL would be in addition to the 15- and 60-day lists that already exist for injuries of all sorts, the person told the AP, speaking on condition of anonymity because the proposal is in the preliminary stages. It's the latest example of the ways in which various leagues are addressing concussions, an injury that has drawn the most attention lately in football — and an injury that medical experts say they are still in the process of understanding,

particularly when it comes to prevention and treatment. After a series of illegal hits last weekend, the NFL imposed fines of at least \$50,000 on three players and warned that, starting with this week's games, violent conduct will be cause for suspension. Commissioner Roger Goodell sent teams a memo "to emphasize the importance of teaching safe and controlled techniques" related to "contact to the head and neck." Make no mistake: Concussions can happen on all fields of play, and officials at Major League Baseball, the NHL and NBA are following the developments in the NFL. There was a two-day summit on hockey concussions at the Mayo Clinic this week, for example. And now comes word that a 7-day

DL will be considered this offseason by a new concussion subcommittee that is being formed under baseball's medical advisory committee, according to the person who described the proposal to the AP. If the subcommittee OKs the idea, it would need to be approved by Commissioner Bud Selig, then the players' union. A change to the disabled list rules would be subject to collective bargaining with the union. All four of the major U.S. sports have moved closer to each other on concussion policies in recent years. One example: The NFL decided last year to make every team identify an independent neurologist for players to see when they have a concussion; that's something the NHL began doing in 1997.

"I would say now the sports are 90 percent in agreement, and I wouldn't have said that four or five years ago," said Mark Lovell, the founding director of the University of Pittsburgh Medical Center Sports Medicine Concussion Program. "There's not a huge variability in terms of how the injury is managed on the medical side. ... Overall, the standards are pretty uniform."

Lovell has served as a consultant in several sports — including the NFL, NHL, Major League Soccer, auto racing circuits and the U.S. Ski Team — and developed the neurocognitive testing that is used to establish a baseline against which results can be compared when players have a head injury.

Teams in the NFL, NHL and baseball's major and minor leagues are required

to have players take those tests. Some NBA teams do it, too, Lovell said, even though "you're certainly not concerned about concussions in the NBA to the extent that you are in some of the more collision-sport areas."

That also explains why the NBA — unlike the NFL, NHL and MLB — doesn't have a formal concussion policy, league spokesman Tim Frank said.

"But it's not like we turn a blind eye to this," Frank said. "It's just not been a prominent issue in our league to this point, but it's certainly something we monitor very closely."

Indeed, the NBA even keeps track of the number of concussions its players get, something the NHL and baseball also do, although none make that data available to the public.

Explained NHL spokesman Frank Brown: "You cannot measure concussions prevented by an appropriate medical approach or by rule changes or by respect that players show for each other."

Every week, the NFL releases official team-by-team injury reports that list players and the nature of their injuries, as well as noting how much they participated in practice or their status for that week's game. In a practice report issued this week covering 24 of the league's 32 teams, a total of 200 players are listed as having some sort of injury — 15, or 7.5 percent, with a head injury, neck injury, concussion or migraines.

The NHL saw head injuries to such high-profile players as Pat LaFontaine, Eric Lindros and Scott Stevens in the past. In baseball, the

Minnesota Twins lost All-Star slugger Justin Morneau for the last three months of this season because of a concussion, for example, while the New York Mets had a series of players with head injuries: David Wright, Jason Bay and Ryan Church. And those sports, like the NFL, have reacted.

In March, the NHL — which has been taking on concussions since the 1990s — issued a ban on previously legal shoulder hits to the head from a player's blindside, a fairly rare instance of the league changing rules during a season. While the NHL stopped short of banning all contact with the head, it did bar what is considered the most dangerous type of hit, and players now can be ejected for them.

None of the leagues has explicit rules for exactly how long a player must sit out with a concussion, which is why Morneau was sidelined from July until the playoffs, while Chicago Bears quarterback Jay Cutler, for example, missed only one game after getting hurt this season.

Lovell, the concussion expert, thinks that disparity is OK, because concussion treatment needs to be guided by an individual's health, rather than one-size-fits-all rules. "The injury is so variable from person to person, not just from sport to sport. There's still a lot of stuff we don't know about concussions, and I'd say 80 to 90 percent of what we do know, we've learned in the last 10 years or so," Lovell said. "That's how quickly this is evolving. Everybody is different in terms of their tolerance." □



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# Blackhawks beat Canucks in shootout

CHICAGO (AP) — Jonathan Toews, Patrick Sharp and Patrick Kane scored in the first three rounds of a shootout to give Chicago a 2-1 victory over Vancouver on Wednesday night, extending the Stanley Cup champion Blackhawks' winning streak to four games. Kane scored on a backhand in the third round, sending the puck between Patrick Luongo's legs. NHL Roundup Vancouver's Mikael Samuelsson then sent a backhand attempt wide. Samuelsson was the only shooter to miss. Daniel Sedin and Ryan Kesler converted for Vancouver in the first two rounds. Sedin and Chicago's Viktor Stalberg scored in regulation.

## Kings 4, Hurricanes 3

At Los Angeles, Andrei Loktionov scored his first NHL goal from behind the Carolina net early in the third period as Los Angeles completed a perfect three-game homestand.

Anze Kopitar scored his first goal of the season for the Kings, who lost star defenseman Drew Doughty to an upper-body injury while earning their fourth win in five games.

Ryan Smyth and Michal Handzus scored first-period goals for Los Angeles, but Carolina rookie Jeff Skinner's first NHL goal evened it heading to the third. Chad LaRose and Eric Staal also scored for Carolina.

## Blue Jackets 3, Ducks 1

At Columbus, Rick Nash scored two goals and Steve Mason stopped 31 shots



Chicago Blackhawks' Jonathan Toews (19) scores against Vancouver Canucks goalie Roberto Luongo during the shootout of an NHL hockey game in Chicago, Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2010. The Blackhawks won 2-1.

to lead Columbus over Anaheim before 9,802 fans — the smallest home crowd in Blue Jackets history.

Derek MacKenzie also scored for the Blue Jackets, who had been pushed around in a 5-2 loss to Stanley Cup champion Chicago last week in their home opener.

Teemu Selanne scored his 609th career goal for Anaheim.

The previous low attendance for the Blue Jackets, in their 10th

season, was 10,494, also against Anaheim on Oct. 27, 2008.

At Atlanta, Tyler Myers and Cody McCormick scored early in the second period, and Ryan Miller made 17 saves to help Buffalo end a five-game winless streak. Tyler Ennis and Thomas Vanek also scored for Buffalo. The Sabres,

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the defending Northeast Division champions, were 0-4-1 since winning their opener at Ottawa.

Tobias Enstrom scored for Atlanta.

**In other NHL games it was Chicago 2, Vancouver 1, SO; Buffalo 4, Atlanta 1; Columbus 3, Anaheim 1; and Los Angeles 4, Carolina 3.** □

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# Uribe's sac fly in 9th gives SF 3-1 NLCS lead

By Janie McCauley

The Associated Press

SAN FRANCISCO - Juan Uribe, sore left wrist and all, made his mark on this NLCS in a matter of moments — a great play with his glove, then one swing that put the San Francisco Giants within one win of the World Series.

A champion with the White Sox in 2005, Uribe hit a game-ending sacrifice fly off reliever Roy Oswalt with one out in the ninth inning that lifted the Giants over the Philadelphia Phillies 6-5 Wednesday night for a 3-1 lead in the NL championship series.

Aubrey Huff singled with one out in the ninth and took third when Buster Posey singled for his fourth hit of the game. Uribe hit a medium-deep fly, leaving left fielder Ben Francisco with no chance to get the sliding Huff.

“I got butterflies,” winning pitcher Brian Wilson said. “I got anxiety.

I got a mini-ulcer developing, but it's all worth it. We never lost focus.”

Boosted by yet another big hit from Cody Ross and a timely double from Pablo Sandoval, the Giants pushed the two-time defending NL champion Phillies to the brink of elimination. Philadelphia will send Roy Halladay against Tim Lincecum in Game 5 Thursday night — it's a rematch of aces that Lincecum won in the opener. “We know what is at stake, but the game is the same. We have an opportunity to win a game tomorrow,” Phillies shortstop Jimmy Rollins said. Going to Oswalt to begin the ninth backed manager Charlie Manuel's words this was his club's biggest game yet this year. Oswalt is one of the majors' top starters and beat the Giants in Game 2. He's made only a few relief appearances in the last several years, including a stint in the 2004 NLCS for Houston.

Uribe entered at shortstop in the top of the ninth. He immediately picked up a hard one-hopper by pinch-hitter Ross Gload in the hole and made a strong throw while



San Francisco Giants' Aubrey Huff reacts with teammates after scoring from third on a sacrifice fly by Juan Uribe during the ninth inning of Game 4 of baseball's National League Championship Series against the Philadelphia Phillies Wednesday, Oct. 20, 2010, in San Francisco.

falling away for the out.

Wilson, the major league saves leader, pitched a perfect ninth.

After Freddy Sanchez lined out to right to start the bottom of the ninth, Huff and Posey singled. Phillies right fielder Jayson Werth made a nice sliding stop on the warning track to keep Huff from scoring.

“We faced him a couple nights ago,” Posey said. “He's got great stuff, just battling.” Then came Uribe, a quiet 1 for 7 in the NLCS before this one. On a 1-1 pitch, he claimed he got hit in the hand by Oswalt's fastball, but plate umpire Wally Bell said it was a foul. Uribe wound up with the game-winner moments later, leaving the Giants just one victory shy of reaching the World Series for the first time in eight years.

Sandoval came jumping out of the dugout as Uribe's ball was in the air. Giants players streamed out of the dugout

and mobbed Uribe after he rounded first base. Huff and Posey exchanged high-fives near the mound and Sandoval and Sanchez hugged.

Posey starred at the plate and behind it, too. He made a great play at the plate to save a run earlier, neatly handling a short hop and tagging out Carlos Ruiz at the plate.

Werth hit a tying RBI double in the eighth after Ryan Howard doubled against Javier Lopez leading off the inning. Posey had an RBI double in the first and run-scoring single in the third — both coming with two outs — for his first RBIs of the post-season. He added a seventh-inning double as well, delighting the towel-waving faithful on a chilly fall night.

Philadelphia's Placido Polanco hit a two-run double in the fifth inning of a game that went back and forth.

Manuel stuck with Joe Blanton rather than going to Halladay on short rest. Blanton hung

tough in his first start in three weeks but was done after allowing Huff's two-out single in the fifth.

Pat Burrell drew a leadoff walk in the sixth and Ross followed with a double. Sandoval swung at Chad Durbin's first offering and the ball was ruled foul by first base umpire Jeff Nelson after right field umpire Ted Barrett jumped out of the way.

Replays showed it was very close. Giants manger Bruce Bochy came out to argue. Moments later, Sandoval made good with his two-run double for a 5-4 lead.

That swing made the “Kung Fu Panda” an unlikely post-season contributor for San Francisco, which has been riding the reliable bat of Ross all series long. Sandoval, coming off a disappointing year in which he batted just .268, earned his first start of the NLCS when Uribe couldn't go.

Sandoval grounded into an

inning-ending double play in the seventh. That after he grounded into an NL-high 26 double plays this season.

Ross produced again. He hit a go-ahead RBI single Tuesday after connecting for three home runs over the two games in Philadelphia. After Cole Hamels joked about hitting Ross as a way to slow him down, Blanton did just that to start the second. Not that it was on purpose: Blanton threw two wild pitches in the first.

One fan waved a “Ross for Governor” sign. Another read: “This is Rosstober.”

But by the end, the familiar chants or “U-ribe! U-ribe!” rang through the Giants' packed waterfront ballpark.

Aaron Rowand, a former Gold Glover earning a second straight start in centre field, made a fabulous throw home to save a second run from coming in on Shane Victorino's RBI single in the fifth. Posey, the rookie catcher, made a tremendous pickup on the short hop and applied the tag as the slow-footed Ruiz slid home.

Rowand was replaced in a double switch by Andres Torres one batter later.

Bochy again made all the right moves.

He stuck with Rowand in centre field in place of the slumping Torres until the midgame switch. Sandoval was fresh and ready to fill in for Uribe, a late scratch before Game 2 at Citizens Bank Park on Sunday before playing Tuesday. The wrist had bothered Uribe when swinging, Bochy said.

There was no sign of that on his final cut.

Rookie Madison Bumgarner, a 21-year-old lefty who pitched the NLDS clincher Oct. 11 at Atlanta, struck out six in 4 2-3 innings in his first time facing the Phillies.

Manuel benched struggling Raul Ibanez, who is mired in an 0-for-15 funk dating to the division series with Cincinnati. Francisco replaced him in left field and he produced his first post-season hit with a leadoff single in the fifth. He had been 0 for 12. □



# Klitschko vows to make Chisora pay in fight

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LONDON (AP) —

Heavyweight champion Wladimir Klitschko vowed Thursday to make Derek Chisora “eat your words” for making light of his boxing skills when they meet in a world title fight in Germany later this year.

Chisora, the British and Commonwealth champion who is undefeated in 14 fights, is widely expected to be out of his depth when he takes on Klitschko — who holds the IBF, IBO and WBO titles — in Mannheim, Germany on Dec. 11.

But the 26-year-old Chisora seems full of confidence, winding up Klitschko at a

news conference in London by insisting he will “take him out of his comfort zone” and saying that the best thing about the Ukrainian is his ring entrance.

The experienced Klitschko, who is unbeaten in six years and has ruled the heavyweight division for the past decade along with his older brother Vitali, was undeterred.

“You say I have no boxing skills, you say it’s going to be rough and tough. Maybe you consider me a bum in boxing,” Klitschko said. “Well, good luck. I will make you eat your words. I love to do paintwork on your face.”

Chisora was handed an unexpected opportunity to take on Klitschko after talks

between the 34-year-old three-belt champion and England’s David Haye, who holds the WBA title, broke down over money. A three-fight deal was reached earlier this month after just four or five days’ talks, according to Chisora’s promoter Frank Warren. Under the deal, Chisora will fight Vitali next if he wins in December.

Haye, meanwhile, will fight fellow London-born boxer Audley Harrison in Manchester next month in a bout which is expected to be as one-sided as Klitschko-Chisora.

Klitschko, however, praised Chisora for doing what he claims Haye is failing to do.

“I respect Derek that he took



Ukrainian boxer Wladimir Klitschko, background, and Zimbabwean born British boxer Derek Chisora, during a press conference in London, Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010. Heavyweight champion Wladimir Klitschko has vowed to make Derek Chisora pay for undermining his boxing credentials when they meet in a world title fight in Germany later this year. Klitschko and Chisora will fight for the IBF, IBO and WBO boxing heavyweight championships in the south-western German city of Mannheim, on Dec. 11, 2010.

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## Perry hoping to turn around game on Champions Tour

THE WOODLANDS, Texas (AP)—Kenny Perry had a bad feeling when his putter fell apart in his first PGA Tour event of the year, the SBS Championships in Hawaii.

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Perry was hitting his final practice putt before teeing off at Kapalua when the putter head fell right off the shaft. His favorite one, too.

Perry turned to his son who was caddying and said, “Justin, it’s going to be a bad year.” The 14-time winner on the PGA Tour turned 50 on Aug. 10, making him eligible for the Champions Tour, and he’ll make his debut Friday at the Administaff Small Business Classic—hoping that the new scenery will help him rejuvenate his game.

“I’ve had a smile on my face this week,” said Perry, who has played on two Ryder Cup teams and three President’s Cup teams. “It’s neat to get back with the guys you played with in your junior years. They’ve been calling me rookie all week. I have a hard time getting used to that. It’s hard to believe I’m 50.”

Perry missed the cut in three of

the last five PGA Tour events he played, then spent six weeks off to rest and prepare for the senior circuit.

“It seems I went flat this year,” Perry said. “In all the years I was on the tour I felt like I needed to win. I didn’t feel like I needed to win this year. It was just a letdown. We’re going to rekindle the fire this off season and see what happens.”

Perry already is feeling better after taking time off.

“It’s been a neat two days

since I’ve been here,” he said. “I’ve had all the guys coming up and welcoming me to this tour—Hale Irwin, Curtis Strange, Mark O’Meara, Ben Crenshaw. It’s the who’s who of golf. All these guys I’ve looked up to my whole career and who made me the player I am and they’re all here playing.” Perry was a member of the 2008 Ryder Cup team and had a good year in 2009 with victories at the FBR Open and the Travelers Championship. □

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## NASCAR

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He then used that stirring comeback victory to prove to everyone that he wouldn't go quietly, and he's matched Johnson all season in performance. Both drivers have a series-best six wins apiece.

Johnson has crept ahead in the last three weeks, but not enough to cause Hamlin much concern.

"I'm not nervous at all going into Martinsville," Hamlin said. "For me, I would be more nervous if I was (Johnson) going into Martinsville because we won the last two races there. He didn't have the spring race he was hoping for.

"For me, he's going to have to beat us. I feel like we're going to be strong when we get there. It's going to take

a lot to beat us there."

Johnson, a six-time Martinsville winner, was ninth in the spring race. But he was admittedly not racing for the win.

"We ran 10th all day in the spring race. We were trying some stuff the first time there, and we are not going back with the same style car," he said. "We went to Little Rock and made some laps, and feel like we have got a good place to start, and go back with what we know and race from there." If he's right, it could mean the two main title contenders will be racing each other hard all day on Sunday.

Bad races by Jeff Gordon and Tony Stewart last weekend at Charlotte have pretty much reduced the Chase field to a three-driver



This March 29, 2009, file photo shows Jimmie Johnson, left, and Denny Hamlin, prior to the start of the Goody's 500 NASCAR Sprint Cup auto race at Martinsville Speedway in Martinsville, Va. With Johnson holding a 41-point lead over Hamlin in the standings, Sunday at Martinsville could be Hamlin's last chance to close the gap on the four-time defending champion.

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race between Johnson, Hamlin and Kevin Harvick, who is 77 points out.

Hamlin loves how it's shaping up.

"For me, (I'm) more relaxed going out there and saying I'm going to go out there and gain points this week versus, 'Let's just manage

a good finish and not lose a certain amount of points,'" Hamlin said. "It's more relaxed than really I've ever been." □



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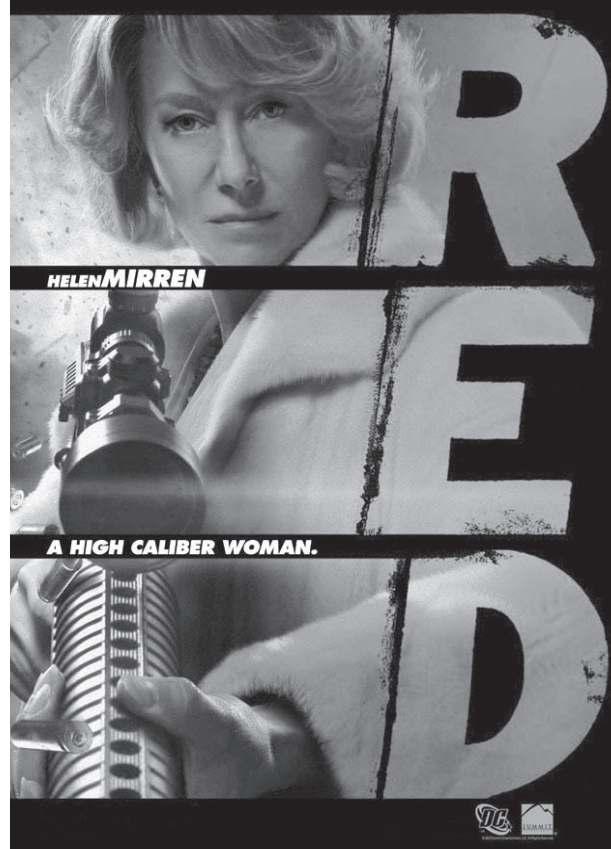
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## NBA Overview

## Heat's Big 3 will try to keep Kobe from a 6th ring

BRIAN MAHONEY

AP Basketball Writer

NEW YORK (AP) — Kobe Bryant had just finished with a Big Three when LeBron James and friends got to work building another.

Dwyane Wade soon announced he was staying in Miami, flanked by Chris Bosh, who said he was coming. The next night, James appeared on his much-publicized, heavily criticized TV special to declare his intentions of heading to South Beach.

Two days, three All-Stars. Just like that, the Heat were the clear winners in July.

For now, Bryant and the two-time defending champion Lakers still own June.

"I think until someone beats the Lakers, the Lakers is the team to beat. I don't care how stacked the team is," Hall of Famer Michael Jordan said. "That's the thing about being champions. Until you get knocked off of that hill, you're still the champions."

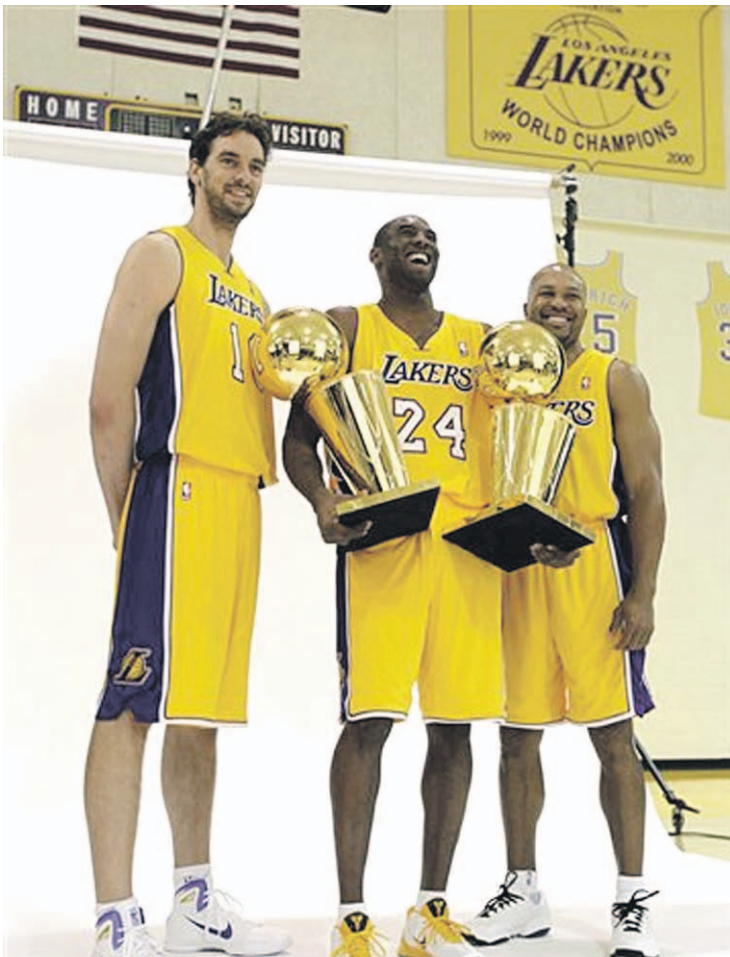
The new Heat make their debut in the NBA season opener on Tuesday against the Boston Celtics, who brought back their trio of Kevin Garnett, Paul Pierce and Ray Allen, then added even more age when they signed Shaquille O'Neal.

And O'Neal has a message for his former fans in Miami: Older is definitely better.

"Everyone wants to talk about the young team, but in the last 10 years, I think I've been there four times. I haven't seen a young team there yet," O'Neal told reporters after a preseason game in Hartford, Connecticut.

"You guys, every time you see young people get together, you automatically give it to them. But studies show, it's documented the last 10 years, no young team has either won it or even been there."

Miami could be the team to change that. James is the two-time reigning MVP, Wade is a former scoring champion who was MVP of the 2006 NBA finals, and Bosh is one of the best big men in the league. They were friends who came



Los Angeles Lakers' Pao Gasol, left, of Spain, Kobe Bryant, center, and Derek Fisher pose for photos during NBA basketball media day at Toyota Sports Center in El Segundo, Calif., Saturday, Sept. 25, 2010.

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into the league together as top-five picks in the 2003 draft and teammates on the U.S. Olympic team that won gold in 2008.

They went on the market together to head the most hyped free agency class in history, and Miami landed all three of them.

"That's the only reason for coming here, me and C-Bosh and D-Wade, united to win a championship," James said during Miami's media day. "We're going to bring our 'A' game every night and play as hard as we can to try to bring a championship to South Florida."

Bryant won't give it up easily, even as he battles nagging injuries and offseason knee surgery. Asked his reaction to the Heat's coup, the finals MVP provided only a ho-hum, "Wow, how did Pat Riley pull that (expletive) off? Impressive."

Riley did it because his three stars all accepted less than allowed, leaving the Heat with enough money to re-sign Udonis Haslem and ink Mike

Miller, equipping them with a top bench, as well.

Los Angeles also got stronger with the signings of Steve Blake and Matt Barnes. Phil Jackson returned to try for a fourth three-peat, which would allow Bryant to tie Jordan with six titles.

There are other contenders. The Celtics were minutes away from an 18th title last season before Los Angeles rallied for an 83-79 victory in Game 7. Orlando has won 59 games each of the last two seasons, and the West is deep in potential threats to the Lakers' reign.

Fresh off winning MVP honors after leading the U.S. to the gold medal at the world championship, Oklahoma City's Kevin Durant was voted by general managers as their pick to win the NBA's award this season. The Rookie of the Year race could come down to the last two No. 1 draft picks: the Clippers' Blake Griffin, who missed last season with an injury, and Washington's lightning-quick point guard, John Wall.



Miami Heat's Dwyane Wade, left, Chris Bosh, center, and LeBron James react on the bench during the second quarter of an NBA preseason basketball game against the San Antonio Spurs, Saturday, Oct. 9, 2010 in San Antonio.

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"The guy's really good, probably one of the fastest, most physically gifted players that we'll have in the league," Knicks coach Mike D'Antoni said of Wall. "I hope he never learns to shoot real well, because then he'll be unguardable."

D'Antoni's team missed out on James but landed Amare Stoudemire, who seems poised to put up big numbers under his former coach in Phoenix. Carlos Boozer left Utah to give the Chicago Bulls the inside scoring presence they've lacked, and other clubs were bolstered by smaller moves during the summer shopping season.

It sets up the potential for a thrilling season, but trouble lurks beyond that.

The collective bargaining agreement expires on June 30, 2011, and the NBA and union are nowhere close to a new one after more than a year of talks. Commissioner David Stern frequently calls this a golden age for basketball but insists it's come at a cost, with leaguewide losses of about \$370 million last season.

The players dispute that figure, pointing to huge increases in revenues and season ticket sales, and vow to resist the significant changes owners are seeking in salaries and contract structures. If progress isn't made during the season, Stern could be faced with handing out the Larry O'Brien trophy in the middle of June, then locking out his players two weeks later.

"(The season) is going to be great, but unfortunately, as

we've demonstrated to the players association, we're going to lose money," Stern said. "So if we could just make this into a modestly profitable enterprise, that would take a golden age into a platinum age."

A work stoppage would seem harder to accept after the momentum the NBA has picked up in recent months. The seven-game finals featuring the league's best rivalry delivered strong TV ratings, free agency news dominated sports pages in July, and trade speculation involving superstars Carmelo Anthony and Chris Paul emerged late in the summer. Interest in the Heat should keep it going, especially when James returns to Cleveland on Dec. 2 and when Miami visits the Lakers on Christmas. And maybe they'll be back in Los Angeles in June.

A James-Bryant duel in the finals looked on track the last two years, but James didn't have enough help to get him there. Those problems seem as forgotten as cold winters now that he's landed in Miami.

"That's a team that's loaded," ESPN analyst Mark Jackson said, "and I think it's going to be a great year for them." □





# Federer cruises into Stockholm quarterfinals



Swiss Roger Federer during his match against U.S. Taylor Dent in the ATP Stockholm Open tennis tournament in Stockholm, Sweden, Thursday, Oct. 21 2010.

KEITH MOORE

Associated Press Writer

STOCKHOLM (AP) — Roger Federer cruised into the Stockholm Open quarterfinals on Thursday in his 900th match on the ATP Tour,

beating Taylor Dent of the United States 6-1, 6-2 in 51 minutes.

Federer outclassed Dent to record his 727th tour win, in his first match in the Swedish capital for a decade. "When I

look back in 98, I played my first one, 900 matches later it's quite crazy but I've done so well. I've got a great win-loss record," Federer said. "I couldn't ask for a better career. "I think 1,000 should be rather

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easy to be honest, we play over 50 a year, so that should be done in a couple of years." It took the 16-time Grand Slam winner just 17 minutes to win the first set, breaking Dent twice.

Dent put up more of a fight in the second, having two break points in the fourth game, but Federer upped the tempo.

Federer never needed to demonstrate his full repertoire of shots, but he ripped one backhand pass in the second set that brought cheers from the crowd at the Royal Tennis Hall. The second-ranked Swiss finished with a delightful drop shot.

"That was a good night of tennis for me. Hardly any stupid mistakes, stay on the offensive, and tried out a few things," Federer said. "Also tried to throw in some serve and volley as the lead got bigger and bigger."

Federer will face countryman Stanislas Wawrinka in the next

round. Second-seeded Robin Soderling also advanced by defeating Germany's Benjamin Becker 6-3, 6-3. The fifth-ranked Swede broke Becker in the sixth game to take the first set and twice in the second to the delight of the Swedish public.

Fourth-seeded Ivan Ljubicic of Croatia breezed past Arnaud Clement of France 6-3, 6-4.

Ljubicic had 12 aces on the way to his 10th straight victory over Clement.

Ljubicic will face countryman Ivan Dodig next, after he routed Germany's Tobias Kamke 6-1, 6-1, in only 53 minutes.

American wild card James Blake defeated German qualifier Matthias Bachinger 6-4, 3-6, 7-6 (2). Two-time champion Blake meets Finland's Jarkko Nieminen — who beat third-seeded Tomas Berdych on Wednesday — in the quarters. □



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# Nokia to cut 1,800 jobs as net profit euro529 million

HELSINKI – Nokia Corp. is moving quickly to restructure its lagging smart phone business under new CEO Stephen Elop, announcing Thursday it will lay off 1,800 people even as third-quarter earnings bounced back from a year-ago loss.

The world's largest mobile phone maker reported third-quarter net profit of euro529 million (\$733 million). The profit compares to a net loss of euro559 million in the third quarter last year.

Net sales in the quarter grew 5 percent to euro10.2 billion. Nokia's profits were stronger than expected and its stock jumped 7 percent to euro8.25 (\$11.44) in Helsinki.

The company said it was cutting jobs as it shakes up product development in its Symbian smart phone business as it struggles to cope with competition from Apple's iPhone, Research In Motion's BlackBerry and Google's Android software. Nokia employs about 131,500 people, with 66,000 of those at its Nokia Siemens Networks

joint venture.

Nokia said it will "accelerate its transformation and increase effectiveness ... including simplifying operations in product creation in Nokia's Symbian smart phones organization" as it struggles against rivals.

The iPhone has set the standard for smart phones for many design-conscious consumers, while Research In Motion Ltd.'s BlackBerrys have been the favorite of the corporate set. More recently, Google Inc.'s Android software has emerged as the choice for phone makers that want to challenge the iPhone. Nokia's Symbian operating system is older than Apple's software and wasn't designed from the ground up for touch screen phones. Other manufacturers that used Symbian have mainly jumped ship to Android.

Elop, a Canadian who took Sept. 10 after veteran Olli-Pekka Kallasvuo left, is the first non-Finn to run the company.

The choice of a North

American executive was largely seen as reflecting the increasing dominance of U.S. and Canadian companies in the evolution of the top end mobile phone business.

Nokia, once the bellwether of the device business, has disappointed markets that had expected something fresh and new from a company that once had the innovative edge.

Although Nokia last month unveiled its new flagship touch-screen N8 model, which has been generally well received, it was too late for the third quarter and the company has pinned its hopes on the last quarter for a pickup.

But it warned that it expects lower device sales in the fourth quarter, of between euro8.2 billion and euro8.7 billion.

Nokia also slightly revised up previous estimates saying that it now expects the global device market to grow more than 10 percent this year but cautioned that it will lose market share in the full year.

"Some of our most recent product launches illustrate



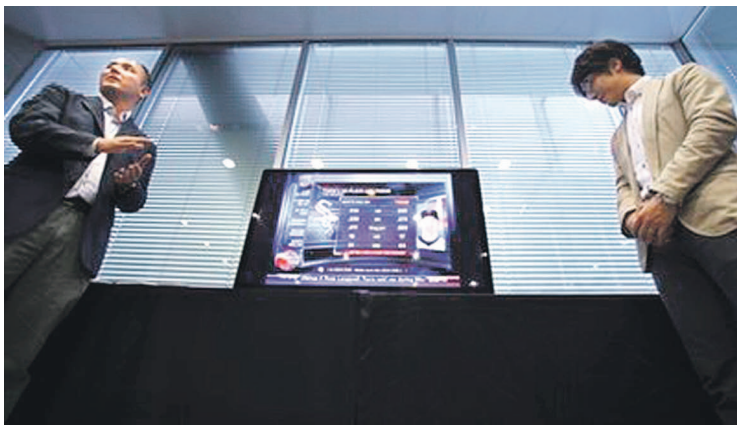
**Nokia's Research Center in Helsinki, October 2007. The world's top mobile phone maker Nokia reported a return to profit in the third quarter, posting an unexpectedly strong net figure of 529 million euros (741 million dollars), but revised down its market share for 2010.**

that we have the talent, the capacity to innovate, and the resources necessary to lead through this period of disruption," Elop said.

"We will make both the strategic and operational improvements necessary to

ensure that we continue to delight our customers and deliver superior financial results to our shareholders."

Nokia sold 110.4 million devices in the period, up 2 percent on the same period in 2009. □



**Sony Product Planning Department staff Tatsuya Yokoyama, left, and Product Planner Toshihiko Fushimi unveil Sony's Web-surfing Google TV in Tokyo, Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010. Sony plans to introduce its Web-linked TV sets, developed with Google Inc., in nations other than the U.S. but they may have to wait more than a year, especially in China, said Thursday.... Read more »**

(AP Photo/Junji Kurokawa)

By YURI KAGEYAMA,  
AP Business Writer

TOKYO – Sony plans to introduce its Web-surfing Google TV in Europe and Asia but customers may have to wait more than a year and even longer if they're in China, a senior executive said Thursday.

Sony's new TV sets,

developed with Google Inc., the Internet company based in Mountain View, California, went on sale last week in the U.S., with recommended retail prices from \$600 to \$1,400.

Yoshihisa Ishida, a senior vice president who oversees the Japanese electronics and entertainment company's

## Asia, Europe face wait for Sony's Google TV

TV business, said Google's precarious relations with the Chinese government make the TV's introduction there more challenging than in Japan and Europe.

But adaptations in services are a must to offer the product in Europe and Japan as well and he gave no date. When asked if it could be promised within 2011, he said it couldn't.

"We want to sell it as soon as possible," Ishida said. "But I cannot give a date now." He was hopeful about the Chinese market because of its sheer size and number of Internet users, but said some obstacles remain for its going on sale there.

Google pulled its search engine from China in March, in protest at censorship, and its future in that nation remains uncertain.

"It's a big market," Ishida said. "We want to be able to offer it in China in some form."

Tokyo-based Sony's Google TV can show regular TV programming along with online content, such as YouTube and web sites.

It allows viewers to carry out Google searches much like a personal computer so they can look at information about a baseball team while watching a broadcast game, for example.

Other Internet-linking TVs are already available at stores, including those from Sony, but the latest sets developed with Google are "seamless," according to Sony Corp., meaning that viewers can hop from TV to the Internet easily.

Nose-diving prices have been a big problem for

Sony's TV operations.

Ishida said the Google TV had to be sold at a reasonable price to compete in a market awash with less advanced but cheaper products.

He said that, in hindsight, Sony perhaps could have set the price higher because the feedback from buyers was that they thought they were getting a deal.

"That was a shocker," he said. "We could have priced it higher."

In three years time, some 70 percent of all TVs sold will likely connect to the Internet, Ishida said.

That ratio would be higher in developed nations, but TV sales are expected to be booming in emerging markets, and most of those won't be Net-linking, he said. □





**FILE -** In this Nov. 17, 2008 file photo, actress Kim Basinger arrives at the premiere of 'Twilight' in Los Angeles. Basinger will narrate a Smithsonian Channel documentary on the rare blue Hope Diamond, thought to be the world's most valuable gem. 'Mystery of the Hope Diamond' will premiere Nov. 21.

(AP Photo/Matt Sayles, file)

## Kim Basinger to narrate special on Hope Diamond

NEW YORK – Kim Basinger will narrate a Smithsonian Channel documentary on the rare blue Hope Diamond, thought to be the world's most valuable gem.

The special marks the 50th anniversary of the diamond's donation to the National Museum of Natural History by Harry Winston, its last private owner. "Mystery of the Hope Diamond" will premiere Nov. 21.

The diamond was discovered in India in the 17th century. Its owners have included King Louis XIV of France and King George IV of England. For many years, the 45-carat diamond was considered cursed, and it glows a fiery red when placed under an ultraviolet light.

The museum hasn't placed a value on the diamond, but the network says some have claimed it would be worth hundreds of millions of dollars. During the special, the diamond will be placed in a new setting and worn by model Hilary Rhoda. □

## Box Office Preview: 'Jackass' vs. 'Paranormal'

By PAULDERGARABEDIAN, For The Associated Press

LOS ANGELES – It will take supernatural powers to dislodge the jocular juggernaut "Jackass 3D" from the top spot at the nation's box office this weekend after its astonishing \$50.3 million debut. Enter 'Paranormal Activity 2,' the sequel to one of the most profitable movies of all time. With summer-style mid-week receipts in the \$4 million range and a \$62 million total heading into the weekend, Paramount's "Jackass 3D" has a shot at a second weekend in the mid \$20 million range and a total gross pushing \$90 million. But with its profitable pedigree and the addition of IMAX, "Paranormal Activity 2" could give a real scare to the boys from "Jackass" and open with a gross that's also in the mid \$20 million range. Yet as we saw with "Jackass" last week, younger audiences can often post much higher numbers than expected and receipts in the low \$30 millions would not be a shock. After a tremendous six-theater debut last weekend, Warner



**FILE -** In this undated film publicity image originally released by Paramount Pictures, a scene from the film, 'Paranormal Activity,' is shown. (AP Photo/Paramount, file)

Bros.' "Hereafter" will expand into wide release on Friday and should follow the typical pattern of success for a Clint Eastwood film.

As director, Eastwood is a brand that represents quality, and audiences have made slow-burn hits out of "Million Dollar Baby" and "Mystic River." So expect a weekend gross of around \$15 million for "Hereafter" and a strong long-term impact on the box office as critical and audience buzz builds.

Summit's "Red" starring Bruce Willis and Morgan Freeman had a solid debut last weekend, despite being overshadowed by the antics of Johnny Knoxville, and should hold up well this

weekend with a gross of just over \$10 million. Older audiences who typically don't rush out on opening weekend may find this the week to catch up with the ensemble action film.

Sony's "The Social Network" is pushing \$70 million going into the weekend, with low 30 percent weekend-over-weekend drops, and is poised to earn another \$7 million plus.

But keep an eye on Disney's "Secretariat," which posted the lowest second-weekend drop of the year last weekend and could prove a factor in the final stretch of this weekend's derby with receipts in the \$6.5 million to \$7 million area. □



**Actor and UNODC Goodwill Ambassador Nicolas Cage speaks to the conference of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, UNODC, on transnational organized crime at the UN headquarters in Vienna, Austria, Thursday, Oct. 21, 2010.**

(AP Photo/Ronald Zak)

## Cage calls for united fight against crime

By RAFAEL GURBISZ, Associated Press Writer

VIENNA – Oscar-winning actor Nicolas Cage said Thursday that nations must work together in the battle against organized crime.

Cage, a United Nations goodwill ambassador for global justice, said the threat posed by criminal networks is too big for communities or states to confront on their own so that countries must cooperate with one another.

"Organized crime is a deadly infection that preys on human beings," Cage told delegates at a conference aimed at boosting support for a U.N. convention to curb organized crime. "It sows fear and violence in cities, towns and villages around the world."

Cage warned that regions weakened by conflict, lawlessness and extreme poverty are especially susceptible to traffickers of illegal drugs, weapons and even humans.

"It feeds off instability, and also makes instability worse," he said.

Cage described being a U.N. goodwill ambassador as his "most challenging and meaningful role" yet and divulged that he even once considered leaving the movie business to devote more time to helping others.

"At some point I wanted to stop being an actor and start taking action," he said.

Cage was visibly touched when talking about child victims he met in Uganda and Kenya and a 15-year old Somali boy serving a 10-year prison sentence for piracy. These encounters were "heart-wrenching" and "deeply humbled" him, he said.

Cage highlighted the role of NGO's, judges, prosecutors, doctors, religious leaders and others in helping victims of organized crime, saying he now understood "who the world's real heroes are."

Yury Fedotov, head of the United Nations Office on Drugs and Crime, praised Cage as a "humanitarian" who promoted a "victim-centered approach" to tackling organized crime. Cage won the Academy Award for best actor for his role in "Leaving Las Vegas" in 1995. □



# BUSINESS

## Aruba TODAY

### Stocks reverse course, give up morning's gains

By STEPHEN BERNARD,  
AP Business Writer

NEW YORK — Stocks have reversed course and given up their big gains in afternoon trading Thursday.

A strengthening dollar and profit-taking have helped drag stocks from the lofty levels they reached earlier in the day. The Dow Jones industrial average fell 10 points in afternoon trading. It had been up as much as 105 points in morning trading after index components Caterpillar Inc., Travelers Cos. and McDonald's Corp. all beat earnings expectations and AT&T Inc. matched forecasts. Once again Bank of America Corp. hurt the Dow as it continues to be dogged by worries about whether investors will force the bank

to buy back mortgages it originated. Stocks of other big, national banks were also mostly lower on the day, following Bank of America.

Caterpillar hit a high for the year early in the morning before pulling back. United Parcel Service Inc.'s profit jumped and the shipping company raised its outlook. But it too retreated after coming within \$1.00 of hitting its high for the year.

JetBlue Airways Corp. also reported strong earnings only to see its stock approach its 2010 high and then fall.

Nasdaq composite index components Netflix Inc. and eBay Inc. also both hit their 2010 highs before pulling back. The pair are still holding onto some gains in afternoon trading.

A stronger dollar has put a crimp in investors' appetite for riskier assets like stocks and commodities. Gold and oil prices tumbled because they are priced in dollars, so when the dollar rises it makes them a more expensive investment. Falling oil and commodities prices, in turn, hurt shares of energy and materials stocks, including companies like Newmont Mining Corp. and Occidental Petroleum Corp.

The Dow fell 10.37, or 0.1 percent, to 11,097.60 in afternoon trading. The fall comes after the Dow briefly eclipsed its highest closing level of 2010. It closed at 11,205.03 on April 26.

The Standard & Poor's 500 index fell 3.62, or 0.3 percent, to 1,174.55, while the Nasdaq fell 13.65, or 0.6 percent, to



Traders work on the floor of the New York Stock Exchange, October 4, 2010.

2,443.74.

Gold dropped \$21.10 to \$1,323.10 an ounce. Benchmark crude fell \$2.19, or 2.7 percent, to \$80.35.

Investors had largely brushed aside economic concerns early in the day to drive stocks higher on the earnings reports. The Labor Department said first-time claims for unemployment benefits fell last week. But the decline was essentially offset by a surprisingly sharp upward revision to the previous week's claims. First-time claims remain stuck at levels that indicate companies are not hiring many workers, even though they aren't cutting

many jobs either.

The Chinese government, meanwhile, said growth slowed to a still robust 9.6 percent in the third quarter. China has been trying to slow growth to a more sustainable level that keeps inflation from getting out of control. Slower growth could have an effect on exports and sales to the country. Many companies have relied on growth in China to offset weakness in U.S. and Europe's economies.

Bond prices fell. The yield on the benchmark 10-year Treasury note, which moves opposite its price, rose to 2.52 percent from 2.48 percent late Wednesday. □

### Toyota recalling 1.53 million cars globally

By MALCOLM FOSTER,  
Associated Press Writer

TOKYO — Toyota is recalling 1.53 million Lexus, Avalon and other models, mostly in the U.S. and Japan, for brake fluid and fuel pump problems, the latest in a string of quality lapses for the world's No. 1 automaker.

Toyota Motor Corp. said Thursday that it will call back for repairs about 740,000 cars in the U.S. and 599,000 in Japan. The remainder are in Europe and other markets around the world. Honda Motor Co. also said it would recall an undetermined number of vehicles because of the same issue. Over the past year, Toyota has recalled more than 10 million cars and trucks worldwide for a variety of problems, from faulty gas pedals and floor mats that can trap accelerators, to braking problems in its Prius hybrid. In August, Toyota recalled 1.33 million Corolla sedans and Matrix hatchbacks in the U.S. and Canada because their engines may stall. The majority of vehicles this time around need to be fixed for a problem with the brake master cylinder which could lead to weaker braking power, said spokesman Paul Nolasco in Tokyo. Some models in Japan and elsewhere — but not in North America — have an electrical problem with the fuel pump which could cause the engine to stall, he said.

No accidents have been reported from the two defects, he said.

Nolasco said the recall decision was made under Toyota's new quality control regime

instituted over the last several months in response to criticism that the company was slow in dealing with the slew of safety problems earlier this year. Changes include naming a chief quality officer to head up regional quality control teams that have more autonomy and can contribute directly to decisions on whether recalls are required. Toyota received initial complaints about both problems five years ago, but that didn't mean there was documentation of a pattern that would trigger a recall, Nolasco said. "It takes a while to compile the evidence for a recall," Nolasco said. Once the evidence pointed to a need for a recall, the company moved immediately to announce one, he said. Analysts said the recall decision, coming just two months after the Corolla and Matrix recall, seems to suggest that Toyota is trying to be more forthcoming about safety issues. American regulators hit Toyota with a \$16.4 million fine for failing to promptly tell the government about its car defects.

"Toyota's image suffered because it was slow and so it is trying to be quick with its response," said Ryuichi Saito, auto analyst with Mizuho Investors Securities in Tokyo.

The models affected by the latest recall in the U.S. include the 2005 and 2006 Avalon, 2004 through 2006 non-hybrid Highlander and Lexus RX330, and 2006 Lexus GS300, IS250, and IS350 vehicles, the company said in a statement from its U.S. headquarters in Torrance, California. □

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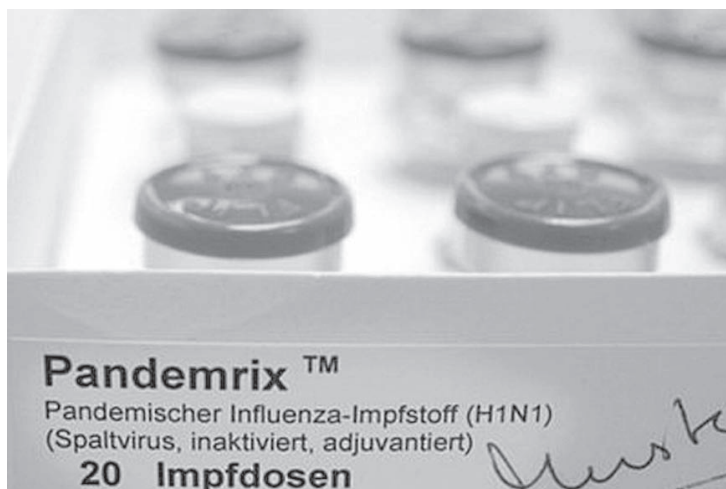
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# HEALTH

## Aruba TODAY

# New strain of swine flu emerges: report



Ampullas containing the flu vaccine Pandemrix are pictured at a chemist in Berlin in 2009. The European Medicines Agency said Thursday it had found no link between the Pandemrix swine flu vaccine and the sleeping disorder narcolepsy amid patient concerns, notably in Scandinavia.

By Maggie Fox, Health and Science Editor  
WASHINGTON (Reuters) – The H1N1 swine flu virus may be starting to mutate, and a slightly new form has begun to predominate in Australia, New Zealand and Singapore, researchers reported on Thursday. More study is needed to tell whether the new strain is more likely to kill patients and whether the current

vaccine can protect against it completely, said Ian Barr of the World Health Organization Collaborating Center for Reference and Research on Influenza in Melbourne, Australia and colleagues. “However, it may represent the start of more dramatic antigenic drift of the pandemic influenza A(H1N1) viruses that may require a vaccine update sooner than might have been expected,”

they wrote in the online publication Eurosurveillance. It is possible it is both more deadly and also able to infect people who have been vaccinated, they said.

Flu viruses mutate constantly -- this is why people need a fresh flu vaccine every year. Since it broke out in March 2009 and spread globally, the H1N1 swine flu virus has been very stable with almost no mutation.

Scientists around the world keep an eye on all flu strains in case an especially dangerous new mutant emerges. While H1N1 turned out not to be especially deadly, it spread globally within weeks and killed more children and young adults than an average strain does. WHO declared the pandemic over in August [ID:nLDE6790D9] but H1N1 has now taken over as the main seasonal flu strain circulating almost everywhere but South Africa, where H3N2 and influenza B are more common. The current seasonal flu vaccine protects

against H1N1, H3N2 and the B strain. “The virus has changed little since it emerged in 2009, however, in this report we describe several genetically distinct changes in the pandemic H1N1 influenza virus,” Barr’s team wrote in the report, available at <http://www.eurosurveillance.org/ViewArticle.aspx?ArticleId=19692>.

“These variants were first detected in Singapore in early 2010 and have subsequently spread through Australia and New Zealand.”

The changes are not significant yet, they said. But there have been some cases of people who were vaccinated also becoming infected, and also some deaths.

“Already this variant virus has been associated with several vaccine breakthroughs in teenagers and adults vaccinated in 2010 with monovalent pandemic influenza vaccine (protecting against only H1N1) as well as a number of fatal cases from whom the variant virus was

isolated,” they wrote.

But there is not enough information to tell whether there may have been other factors making the patients more vulnerable, they stressed. “It remains to be seen whether this variant will continue to predominate for the rest of the influenza season in Oceania and in other parts of the southern hemisphere and then spread to the northern hemisphere or merely die out,” they wrote.

WHO says 18,450 people worldwide are confirmed to have died from H1N1, including many pregnant women and young people. But WHO says it will take at least a year after the pandemic ends to determine the true death toll, which is likely to be much higher.

Seasonal flu kills an estimated 500,000 people a year, 90 percent of them frail elderly people, according to the WHO. The 1957 pandemic killed about 2 million people and the last pandemic, in 1968, killed 1 million. □

## Mom’s Suicide May Raise Child’s Odds for Later Suicide Attempt

By Randy Dotinga

New research out of Sweden suggests that a mother’s suicide may influence the risk for later suicide attempts in her children, even more so than the suicide of a father.

The research doesn’t prove that suicides by parents, either the mother or the father, causes offspring to face a higher risk of trying to kill themselves. And the researchers noted that the number of offspring in the study who ended up hospitalized after a suicide attempt was small.

Still, “pediatricians, surviving parents and educators should be aware of the possible risk and provide appropriate referral sources for these children as needed,” said study lead author S. Janet Kuramoto, a graduate student at Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health.

In 2007, suicide was the 10th leading cause of death in the United States, accounting for almost 34,600 deaths, according to the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Suicide is more prevalent among men, with about four times as

many males as females killing themselves.

Previous studies have hinted that the children of parents who committed suicide were at higher risk of feeling suicidal themselves, but it wasn’t clear if the problems were connected to the parent’s suicide or to the fact that the parent died, whatever the cause, Kuramoto said. The authors of the new study sought to gain more insight.

They examined Swedish databases to discover what happened to 5,600 children whose mothers committed suicide and 17,847 whose fathers committed suicide during the years 1973-2003. The researchers compared that data to rates of children whose parents died in accidents.

The study findings are published online and in the November print issue of the journal *Pediatrics*.

After adjusting their statistics so they wouldn’t be thrown off by signs of mental illness in the parents, the researchers found that the children of mothers who committed suicide were nearly twice as likely to be hospitalized in connection to a suicide attempt than those whose mothers died in accidents.

“This sounds like a pretty significant increase, but the majority of the offspring -- over 95 percent -- were not hospitalized for suicide attempts during the study period,” Kuramoto stressed.

Overall, “2 percent of the offspring who lost their mother in a fatal accident had a subsequent suicide-attempt hospitalization, and 4 percent of the offspring who lost a mother to suicide,” she said.

One anomaly from the study was that children of fathers who had committed suicide do not appear to be at a significant higher risk of attempted suicide. It’s not clear why the suicides of mothers, which were less common, may have had more of an effect than the suicides of fathers.

Thomas Joiner, a professor of psychology at Florida State University and author of books about suicide, offered one theory: Suicide is rare in women, and “when it happens, it signals severe illness, even more so than it does in men.” The illness could be a sign of genetic problems that the women may pass on to their kids, he said. □



# Sea ice melting as Arctic temperature rises

By RANDOLPH E. SCHMID,  
AP Science Writer  
WASHINGTON – The temperature is rising again in the Arctic, with the sea ice extent dropping to one of the lowest levels on record, climate scientists reported Thursday.

The new Arctic Report Card “tells a story of widespread, continued and even dramatic effects of a warming Arctic,” said Jackie Richter-Menge of the Cold Regions Research and Engineering Laboratory, a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers facility in Hanover, N.H.

“This isn’t just a climatological effect. It impacts the people that live there,” she added.

Atmospheric scientists concerned about global warming focus on the Arctic because that is a region where the effects are expected to be felt first, and that has been the case in recent years.

There was a slowdown in Arctic warming in 2009, but in the first half of 2010 warming has been near a record pace, with monthly readings over 4 degrees Celsius (7.2 Fahrenheit) above normal in northern Canada, according to the report card released Thursday.

Highlighting the immediate consequences of the warming, researchers said last winter’s massive

snowstorms that struck the Northeast and Mid-Atlantic states were tied to higher Arctic temperatures.

“Normally the cold air is bottled up in the Arctic,” said Jim Overland of the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration’s Pacific Marine Environmental Laboratory in Seattle. But last December and February, winds that normally blow west to east across the Arctic were instead bringing the colder air south to the Mid-Atlantic, he said.

“As we lose more sea ice it’s a paradox that warming in the atmosphere can create more of these winter storms,” Overland said at a news briefing.

There is a powerful connection between ice cover and air temperatures, Richter-Menge explained. When temperatures warm, ice melts. When reflective ice melts it reveals darker surfaces underneath, which absorbs more heat. That, in turn, causes more melting “and on the cycle goes,” she said.

In September the Arctic sea ice extent was the third smallest in the last 30 years, added Don Perovich of the Army laboratory. He said the three smallest ice covers have occurred in the last four years.

Other findings included: Winter snow accumulation on land in the Arctic was the lowest since records

began in 1966.

Glaciers and ice caps in Arctic Canada are continuing to lose mass at a rate that has been increasing since 1987, reflecting a trend toward warmer summer air temperatures and longer melt seasons.

The temperature in the permafrost is rising in Alaska, northwest Canada, Siberia and Northern Europe.

Greenland in 2010 is marked by record-setting high air temperatures, ice loss through melting, and marine-terminating glacier area loss. The largest recorded glacier area loss observed in Greenland occurred this summer at Petermann Glacier, where a piece of ice several times larger than Manhattan Island broke away.

The report card, prepared by 69 researchers in eight countries, is issued annually by the U.S. National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration.

In addition to Richter-Menge, Overland and Perovich, lead researchers included Mary-Louise Timmermans at Yale University; Jason Box, Ohio State University; Mike Gill, Environment Canada; Martin Sharp, University of Alberta, Canada; Chris Derksen, Environment; and D.A. Walker, Vladimir Romanovsky and Uma Bhatt, University of Alaska-Fairbanks. □

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# Last year's moonshot splashed up lots of water



This 2009 image provided by NASA shows the area of the lunar South Pole where the LCROSS experiment, Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite, hurtled a spent Centaur rocket into a dark crater and then measured the resulting plume of dust, debris and vapor for evidence of water. Mission chief scientist Anthony Colaprete of the NASA Ames Research Center calculates there could be 1 billion gallons of water in the crater that was hit — enough to fill 1,500 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

(AP Photo/NASA)

By ALICIA CHANG,  
AP Science Writer

LOS ANGELES — When NASA blasted a hole in the moon last year in search of water, scientists figured there would be a splash. They just didn't know how big.

Now new results from the Hollywood-esque moonshot reveal lots of water in a crater where the sun never shines — 41 gallons of ice and vapor.

That may not sound like much — it's what a typical washing machine uses for a load —

but it's almost twice as much as researchers had initially measured and more than they ever expected to find.

The estimate represents only what scientists can see from the debris plume that was kicked up from the high-speed crash near the south pole by a NASA spacecraft on Oct. 9, 2009.

Mission chief scientist Anthony Colaprete of the NASA Ames Research Center calculates there could be 1 billion gallons of water in the crater that was hit — enough to fill 1,500 Olympic-sized swimming pools.

"Where we impacted was quite wet," Colaprete said, adding there could be more such craters at both the moon's poles.

Proof that the moon is dynamic and not a dry, desolate world offers hope for a possible future astronaut outpost where water on site could be used for drinking or making rocket fuel.

But the scientists' excitement is tempered by the political reality that there's no plan to land on the moon anytime soon.

The \$79 million moon mission known as the Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite, or LCROSS, was launched to determine whether water exists at the moon's poles. Previous spacecraft spied hints of possible ice in polar craters.

The mission involved

slamming a spent rocket into Cabeus crater. The crash carved a hole about one quarter the size of a football field.

A trailing spacecraft then flew through the cloud of debris and dust thrown up by the impact and used its instruments to analyze what was inside before it also struck the moon. Besides water, the plume also contained carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, ammonia, sodium, mercury and silver. The findings were published in Friday's issue of the journal Science.

How the soup of compounds became trapped in Cabeus crater, among the coldest places in the solar system, is unclear. One theory is that they came from comets and asteroids, which pounded the lunar surface billions of years ago, and later drifted to the poles.

Mission scientist Kurt Retherford of the Southwest Research Institute in San Antonio, Texas, thinks the discovery of mercury could pose a challenge for any human settlers because of its toxicity.

But Colaprete, the mission chief scientist, said there are ways around the mercury dilemma.

"Just like we use filters on Earth to make sure our drinking water is clean, we will do the same on the moon. We can distill or purify it," he said.

Apollo astronauts previously found traces of silver and gold in lunar samples facing the Earth. Specks of silver in the frigid polar crater are "not going to start the next 'silver rush' to the moon," said planetary geologist Peter Schultz of Brown University, who analyzed the plume.

While scientists celebrated the copious data returned to Earth, the highly hyped mission last year was a public relations bomb. Scores of space fans who stayed up all night to glimpse NASA's promised debris plume through webcast or telescopes saw little more than a fuzzy white flash.

LCROSS was originally hatched as a robotic mission before a future human trip. That was before Congress approved a blueprint last month for NASA that shifts the focus from a manned moon landing — as outlined under President George W. Bush — in favor of sending astronauts to near-Earth asteroids and eventually Mars. A return to the moon could potentially be a way station — something still to be decided — but the moon won't be an overall goal.

Given the recent water find, "it's disappointing that we're not going to forge ahead" with a moon return next decade, said space scientist Greg Delory of the University of California, Berkeley, who was not involved in the project.

But he believes that "when the time is right, we're going to send people there again." □

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# Chávez se reúne con presidente sirio en su gira “antiimperialista”

DAMASCO (AP) - El presidente venezolano Hugo Chávez se reunió el jueves con su homólogo sirio Bashar Assad, con quien discutió una propuesta para un proyecto petrolero, en un recorrido internacional que busca en parte contrarrestar lo que el líder sudamericano llama “imperialismo” estadounidense.

Chávez llegó el miércoles a Damasco desde Teherán, donde previamente tanto él como el presidente iraní, Mahmud Ahmadinejad, dijeron que estaban unidos en sus esfuerzos para establecer “un nuevo orden mundial” que eliminaría el dominio de Occidente en los asuntos mundiales.

Desde que el presidente Barack Obama asumió el poder, la Casa Blanca ha tenido varios gestos de acercamiento hacia Siria, como el envío de misiones diplomáticas. El país está bajo sanciones porque Washington considera que apoya a grupos terroristas. También señala que el país realiza actividades nucleares ocultas, lo que Damasco niega.

Pero a pesar de los gestos estadounidenses, Damasco ha estado fortaleciendo sus relaciones con líderes de naciones críticas de Estados Unidos, como Venezuela e Irán.

El presidente venezolano ha defendido a Irán en torno al controvertido programa



El presidente venezolano Hugo Chávez, a la izquierda, gesticula durante una ceremonia de bienvenida de su colega iraní, Mahmud Ahmadinejad, el martes 19 de octubre de 2010 en Teherán. (Foto AP/Vahid Salemi)

nuclear iraní. Estados Unidos acusa a Irán de usar su programa nuclear civil como una máscara para desarrollar armamento atómico, mientras que Teherán asegura que su programa nuclear tiene fines pacíficos, como la generación de electricidad y la producción de isótopos radiactivos para usos médicos.

Un comunicado del gobierno venezolano emitido el jueves señaló que Chávez también aprovechará el viaje para discutir proyectos de petróleo y gas con gobernantes del Medio Oriente.

El ministro de energía

venezolano Rafael Ramírez, quien viaja con el presidente, dijo que Caracas y Damasco estudian la construcción de una

refinería de petróleo en Siria, que tendría capacidad para producir 140.000 barriles de petróleo diarios, según el comunicado.

En el 2007, Siria firmó un contrato con Irán, Venezuela y Malasia para la construcción de una refinería de petróleo en el centro de su territorio.

El comunicado también señaló que el gobierno iraní accedió el miércoles a que Venezuela participe en el desarrollo de depósitos de gas de su país.

Antes de realizar sus escalas en Oriente Medio, Chávez viajó a Rusia, Bielorrusia y Ucrania. Posteriormente, el presidente venezolano viajará a Libia y a Portugal.

Antes de su retorno fijado para el 23 de octubre, Chávez hará una escala en Portugal, donde junto al primer ministro José Sócrates, revisarán el avance una serie de acuerdos de cooperación. □

## Insulza defiende labor de OEA en crisis de Ecuador

WASHINGTON (AP) - José Miguel Insulza defendió el jueves la actuación de la Organización de los Estados Americanos en la crisis política ocurrida hace tres semanas en Ecuador, y negó que el organismo se apresurara al calificar el incidente como un “intento fallido de golpe de estado”. “¿Qué quieren que hagamos? ¿Quieren una región con más conflictos? La OEA no es una organización de guerreros sino de bomberos. Combatimos el fuego con agua, no con más fuego”, dijo el secretario general durante una conferencia.

“Mi rol es mantener a la organización unida, no ir por encima de los gobiernos porque no es una organización supranacional. Es una limitación. Tuvimos un fracaso, Honduras, pero evitamos problemas en otras partes del continente”, agregó. La OEA expulsó a Honduras tras el derrocamiento del entonces presidente Manuel Zelaya, y varios países se mantienen opuestos al regreso de la nación centroamericana.

“En Honduras actuamos tarde, pero no en Ecuador. Estamos orgullosos de lo que allá hicimos”, dijo Insulza, quien en ese entonces

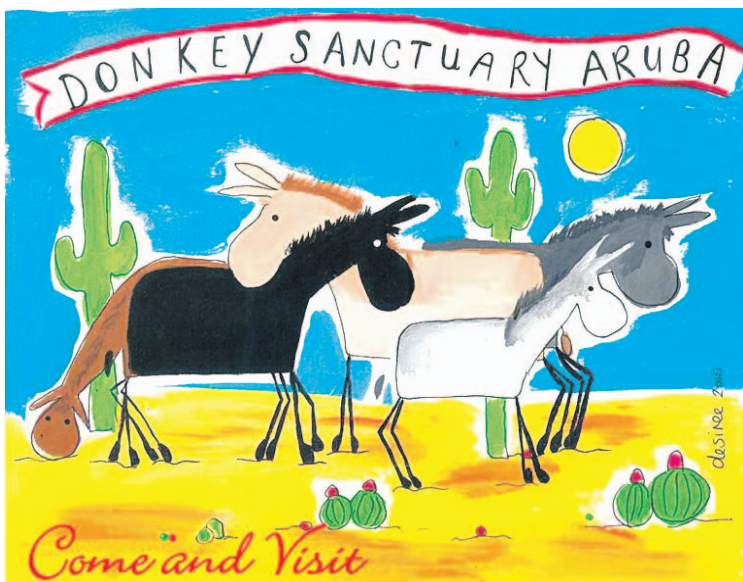
convocó una sesión extraordinaria y viajó inmediatamente a Quito para expresar apoyo al mandatario Rafael Correa.

Insulza respondió así a un editorial publicado la víspera por el diario The Washington Post, que lo criticó duramente por calificar los sucesos de Ecuador como golpe de estado. Un sector de la oposición ecuatoriana también sostiene que el evento sólo fue una protesta policial y que nunca buscó derrocar al gobierno.

“Me gustaría ver qué pasaría si atacan al presidente en Washington como atacaron a Correa. Ningún periódico lo llamaría una polvareda”, señaló.

Durante una intensa balacera, una fuerza elite extrajo a Correa del hospital donde pasó unas 10 horas retenido a raíz de una protesta policial por la modificación de sus beneficios laborales.

La policía abrió una investigación a 13 altos funcionarios por los sucesos que dejaron una docena de muertos y 270 heridos. “Pero no había policías en las calles, y así el gobierno ecuatoriano no habría durado dos días en esas condiciones”, explicó Insulza. □





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